

# Shocking Stats Reveal The True Cost Of Greyhound Racing

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Grey2K USA and the ASPCA study shows 12,000 dogs injured at the racetracks over seven-year period.

Greyhound racing has proven itself to be a cruel sport that shows no regard for the animals it exploits. Since 2008, over 900 deaths have been recorded due to negligence in the “sport.” Even though it’s been banned in most states, a few continue the inhumane practice.

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Recently, Grey2K USA and the ASPCA collaborated on a report titled High Stakes, to show the world what really happens at the racetracks. The report includes

statistics compiled from over 600 sources, spanning a time period from 2008 to the present. It was mailed out to anyone who has a say in the matter, including lawmakers and opinion leaders.

Let's break it down: the statistics show that 909 deaths were recorded, 27 cases of cruelty, over 11,000 injuries and more startling facts. Another disturbing fact uncovered was that some of the dogs tested positive for cocaine. The High Stakes report shows that we need to encourage laws that help protect these innocent dogs and stop gambling on their health and welfare.

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Grey2K USA is the country's largest greyhound protection agency. It's a nonprofit organization whose entire purpose is to take care of the breed. We're happy to report that Greyhound racing is at on the decline (since 1991) and since this time, 41 tracks have been shut down. The public is catching on that the industry is failing, and that greyhound racing does nothing but hurt animals and perpetuates gambling. Our fingers are crossed that this report does its job and helps get the remaining states to ban the cruel sport.

For more information on the High Stakes report, visit the [Grey2USA website](#).