



Ducey signs bill ending Arizona's live dog racing

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PHOENIX – Gov. Doug Ducey Friday signed two bills ending live dog racing in Arizona – House Bill 2127, which prohibits greyhound racing effective Jan. 1, 2017, and House Bill 2387, which repeals the financing that supports it.

Both bills were unanimously approved by the Legislature and supported by all stakeholders involved.

"Greyhound racing has run its course in Arizona," said Ducey in a prepared statement. "It's heartening that these beautiful greyhounds will soon be off the track and in loving homes. For any families looking to adopt a new canine companion this summer, I encourage you

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to consider one of these gentle and intelligent dogs. I thank Rep. J.D. Mesnard and Rep. Eddie Farnsworth for sponsoring this legislation, and all the lawmakers and stakeholders who worked in good faith to get it passed and sent to my desk with unanimous support."

Although the new law allows for racing until the end of the year, TucsonGreyhoundPark has received approval from the Arizona Racing Commission to end live dog racing even sooner – by the end of June. That greyhounds will be ready for adoption this summer.

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- Elijah Neal CB Peoria (3 interceptions, 8 tackles vs. Bradshaw Mountain)
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