

# Victory! One of the Oldest Greyhound Tracks in the U.S. is Ditching Dog Racing



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Animal advocates are celebrating another **big win** for greyhounds: live racing will soon be ending at one of the oldest tracks in the U.S.

Greyhound racing is still going on in six **states**, including Iowa, Arkansas, Alabama, West Virginia, Texas and **Florida**. Florida is now home to 12 of the 19 operational tracks left in the U.S.

Although proponents have managed to keep the number of dog injuries out of the public eye, a **law** passed in 2013 at least requires the number of **deaths** at tracks to be reported. We do know that at least 383 dogs have died over just the past four years at tracks throughout Florida. Aside from the inherent cruelty of this industry, racing in the state has also been plagued by numerous **problems**, including recent reports of **doping** dogs with cocaine.



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The good news is that interest in this so-called sport is declining. According to [GREY2K USA Worldwide](#), between 2006 and 2014 the total amount gambled on live racing at Florida dog tracks declined by 50 percent.

Unfortunately, racing is coupled with other forms of gambling – state laws require anyone who runs a gambling facility to offer at least 100 live races every year [whether they want to or not](#), purely for the benefit of owners, breeders and kennel operators.

The ‘coupling’ tactic has helped keep this dying industry alive with no regard to the health or well being of the dogs who are being bred, run and disposed of and it’s literally killing them.

Now, however, greyhound advocates are celebrating a major win following a [decision](#) to allow West Flagler Associates, which operates Magic City Casino in Miami, to ditch dog racing in favor of holding [jai-alai](#) matches – a sport that involves willing human players.

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According to the [Miami Herald](#), this marks the first time a pari-mutuel facility has been allowed to drop live racing involving animals, and continue operating slots.

Hopefully, as more information comes to light showing the tragic and unacceptable [losses](#) this industry brings, it will renew efforts to decouple dog racing, and far more importantly, to finally shut it down entirely with a complete ban.

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If you’re interested in getting involved with greyhound rescue, or adopting one, visit [GREY2K USA Worldwide’s adoption page](#) for a list of national and international adoption groups, or its [action page](#) for a list of ways you can help speak out for racing dogs.

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You can also help by signing and sharing [GREY2K USA's petition](#) urging leaders in nations that still allow greyhound racing to take a stand for these dogs by shutting this industry down for good.

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