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Keep dog racing away from Kansas

Although some Kansas legislators are considering bringing greyhound racing back to Kansas, lawmakers in the Sunflower State would be wise to take note of the clouds hanging over the Sunshine State from its greyhound scandals.

Florida is one of a handful of states that still operates dog tracks where a racing greyhound dies every three days, either from a broken neck, fractured skull, cardiac arrest or electrocution.

Between races, greyhounds endure long stretches of being kenneled and muzzled without exercise, socialization or proper nutrition. Dozens of cases of greyhound cruelty and neglect, including dogs dying from starvation or lack of veterinary care, have been documented in those few states where racetracks remain in operation.

We don't need greyhound racing to supplement our Kansas income. If gambling is desired, then I hope that the greyhounds are de-coupled from the legislation allowing the addition of slot machines to our community so these dogs won't bear the burden for people to profit. Please speak to your representative today and ask them to either not support the latest legislation regarding greyhound racing and slot machines, or, as a minimum, de-couple the greyhounds from the bill.

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