

End Greyhound Simulcasting in Arizona (S.B. 1260)



What is greyhound simulcasting?

- Simulcast wagering is a form of gambling where bettors wager remotely on races that take place elsewhere.

A common sense proposal

- The only company that still operates dog tracks in the United States, Delaware North, has publicly stated that it supports legislative efforts to end greyhound racing. Delaware North and GREY2K USA Worldwide have worked collaboratively on SB 1260 in order to eliminate simulcast greyhound wagering in Arizona.
- Ending dog simulcasting has no effect on jobs and does not impact horse racing. Most simulcast bets made in Arizona are placed on horse races, not dog races. There are roughly fifty active off track betting locations in the state, and only four offer betting on dog racing.



Arizonans oppose betting on dogs' lives



- In 2016, Arizona passed a prohibition on live dog racing. The measure was brought jointly by GREY2K USA Worldwide and Tucson Greyhound Park, passed unanimously in the legislature and was signed into law by Governor Doug Ducey.
- A federal bill to prohibit wagering on greyhound racing and the practice of live lure training has now earned over 100 bipartisan co-sponsors, including Representatives Gallego, Grijalva, Schweikert and Stanton. It is endorsed by the Arizona Humane Society, Humane Society of Southern Arizona and Humane Society of the White Mountains.

States are curtailing greyhound simulcasting

- In the last two years, Colorado, Kansas, Massachusetts and New Hampshire passed greyhound simulcasting prohibitions. Additionally, Oregon outlawed live greyhound racing and severely restricted internet betting on dog racing.

Dog racing is unpopular

- Dog racing is illegal in 42 states. Florida voters passed a statewide prohibition by a 2-1 margin in 2018, closing twelve tracks. West Virginia is the last state to allow the activity, with two tracks propped up with subsidies.
- Foreign dog tracks view the American market as a commercial opportunity to broadcast their signals. This includes a low-grade track in Mexico, Agua Caliente, with no animal welfare protections at all.



Racing kennels at Agua Caliente in Tijuana

Greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane

- Racing greyhounds endure lives of confinement for 20-23 hours a day and many suffer serious injuries. Dogs suffer broken legs, broken backs, crushed skulls and some are even electrocuted.
- A recent eighteen-month investigation revealed a conspiracy of cruelty across four states in which rabbits are mauled to death during standard training practices for greyhounds.
- Between 2008 and 2016, 912 greyhounds were injured while racing in Arizona, including 349 dogs that broke bones and 45 dogs that died. Reported injuries included greyhounds that suffered broken legs, paralysis and death from cardiac arrest.



The bottom line

- The global greyhound racing industry is responsible for the confinement, injuries and deaths of thousands of young greyhounds each year. Arizona voted to outlaw the cruelty of dog racing and local gamblers should not subsidize this activity elsewhere.