

Prohibits Commercial Dog Racing

- SB 262 removes from statute the 1986 authorization for greyhound racing, an activity that no longer occurs in Kansas. The bill has no effect on horse racing.
- Kansas racetracks have already voluntarily ended dog racing. However, unless the law is changed, dog racing could come back at any time without scrutiny.



DOG RACING IS A MONEY LOSER FOR THE STATE AND RACETRACKS

- Across the country, greyhound racing is dying. Since 2001, forty-three dog tracks have closed, with three more facilities in two states winding down now. The American Greyhound Track Owners Association officially disbanded in 2019.
- Any remaining states with dog racing are losing money on the activity because regulatory costs far exceed any tax revenues generated.

DOG RACING IS NOT POPULAR

- In Kansas, gambling on dog racing declined for many years before finally ending in 2008. Between 1990 and 2007, wagering on live dog racing declined by 95%.
- Greyhound racing is illegal in 41 states and is ending without legislation in others. A 2018 voter-approved prohibition took effect in Florida, closing all 12 tracks in the very home of dog racing. Arkansas and Iowa tracks have publicly announced voluntary phase-outs by 2022. West Virginia, with two failing tracks, remains the only jurisdiction to embrace the activity.
- In the present day, dog racing licensees represent a parasite on other forms of gambling and divert funds needed by host states themselves. Before prohibiting dog racing, Rhode Island taxpayers were subsidizing greyhound breeders with over \$10 million in slot machine profits. Even more, Florida track owners were losing \$34 million per annum by propping a dying industry. Kansas can avoid this dilemma.

GREYHOUND RACING IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE

- At racetracks, greyhounds endure lives of confinement. At each facility, hundreds of dogs are kept in warehouse style kennels, in cages which are barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around.
- Greyhounds are frequently injured while racing. Dogs routinely suffer broken legs and other serious injuries. In the last six-month season at The Woodlands, eighty dogs were injured and nineteen died.
- In 2020, Kansas greyhound breeder Ursula O'Donnell was caught on tape torturing rabbits in what is called "live lure training" or "bleeding." This occurred in a field not two miles from the National Greyhound Association Headquarters in Abilene.

GREYHOUND RACING GOES AGAINST MAINSTREAM VALUES

- Kansas has a long history of leadership on humane issues, and Senator Bob Dole himself drafted a measure to ban some its crueler aspects, but was convinced by the NGA that it would "police itself."