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## Two-to-one majority support among Scots for an end to greyhound racing, according to new poll

The majority of Scottish people support an end to greyhound racing, according to a new poll, with support two-to-one in favor of a ban. Polling commissioned by GREY2K USA Worldwide, and carried out by Diffley Partnership, found that 68% of Scottish people support an end to dog racing, compared to 32% who think it should continue.

The polling is released as a new Bill is published in the Scottish Parliament proposing an end to greyhound racing in Scotland. The members' Bill has been tabled by Scottish Greens MSP, Mark Ruskell.

**President, General Counsel and co-founder of GREY2K USA Worldwide, Christine A. Dorchak** said: "Greyhound racing is a disreputable pastime that exploits gentle dogs, exposing them to pain, injury and death, so it comes as no surprise that the majority of Scots want to see an end to this inherently cruel, gambling-led industry.

"With legislation now being considered by the Scottish Parliament, greyhounds may get their second chance in Scotland. Parliamentarians have before them the historic opportunity to make Scotland the first nation in the UK to say 'no more' to the confinement, injury and death, drugging and overbreeding endemic to the greyhound gambling industry."

The Proposed Prohibition of Greyhound Racing (Scotland) Bill is the latest move worldwide to end greyhound racing. In December last year New Zealand announced plans for a phased end to all racing, and more recently the Welsh Government has stated its intention to end dog racing, as soon as practically possible. Outside of the UK there are just three countries where commercial dog racing takes place.

Scotland has just one remaining unregulated track, Thornton in Fife. Injury and death among racing dogs is rife but the true extent of this at Thornton is unknown as there is no public disclosure as to the number of injuries and fatalities due to the unregulated nature of the track. Despite this, there is no obligation to have a vet onsite during race days, yet without a bookmaker racing will not proceed.

Research by BiGGAR Economics found the Fife track contributes next to nothing to the economy, and could be far more beneficial to the local community if the site was repurposed for housing, adding capital stock to the tune of £5.9m in capital asset value in Fife.

**Christine A. Dorchak** added: “Dog racing at Thornton, and in Scotland, has had its day, and with public opinion firmly on the side of the greyhounds, we are urging policy makers to do the right thing and close down this dilapidated track, legislating for an end to this dying industry once and for all.”

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Note to editors

1. **About GREY2K USA Worldwide:** Formed in 2001, GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection organization in the world. As a non-profit entity, it works to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and end the cruelty of dog racing on both national and international levels. It also promotes the rescue and adoption of greyhounds across the globe.
2. **Diffley Partnership**, an independent research agency based in Edinburgh, designed the survey, which received 1,266 responses from a representative sample of the adult population across Scotland. Invitations to respond were issued online via the ScotPulse panel and fieldwork was conducted from 11 th to 16 th April 2025. Results are weighted to 2023 Scottish adult population estimates by age and gender. The numbers quoted are from a sample of 1,037, which excludes those who responded, ‘Don’t know’.
3. **BiGGAR Economics** is a leading independent Edinburgh-based economic consultancy providing economic analysis and advice for central and local government, economic development and other government agencies, universities, colleges, social economy organizations and private sector firms across Europe. The full report can be [downloaded here](#).
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