

When Is A Dog Not A Dog? When it's a greyhound in Kansas!

Kansas prohibits Greyhounds from being designated as a dog under pet protection laws.

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A SAMPLING OF GREYHOUND ABUSE

TWO GREYHOUNDS, SEVERLY INJURED DURING SUCCESSIVE RACES AT THE NAPLES-FORT MYERS TRACK, SUFFERED FOR AN HOUR BEFORE BEING EUTHANIZED. THERE WAS NO VETERINARIAN ON THE PREMISES ALTHOUGH STATE REGULATION REQUIRES A VET TO BE ON DUTY. ONE OF THE DOGS SUFFERED FROM A COMPOUND LEG FRACTURE. THE OTHER DOG HAD HER LEG TORN OFF AFTER HITTING THE RAIL FOLLOWING A COLLISION WITH ANOTHER DOG. Source: Naples Daily News-J. Zeitlin / Fort Myers News Press- P. Morales / WBBH-TV NBC2 News / GNN Summary Winter 2003

INVESTIGATORS FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THOUSANDS OF GREYHOUNDS HAD BEEN KILLED AND BURIED ON THE PROPERTY OF ROBERT RHODES OF LILLIAN, ALABAMA. RHODES, A RACING INDUSTRY VETERAN, WAS MOST RECENTLY EMPLOYED AS A GUARD AT A NEARBY FLORIDA DOG TRACK.

Source: Pensacola News-Journal / Brett Norman CNN.Com / Associated Press / Mobile Register / Brendan Kirby May 22, 2002

If there's anybody to be indicted here, it's the industry because this is what they're doing to their animals. The misery begins the day they're born. The misery ends when my client gets a hold of them and puts a bullet in their head."

-Buddy Bracken, attorney for contract greyhound killer, Robert Rhodes /National Public Radio, May 31, 2002

A WISCONSIN KENNEL OPERATOR SOLD MORE THAN 850 RACING GREYHOUNDS TO A CARDIAC RESEARCH LABORATORY WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE DOGS' OWNERS.

Source: Wisconsin State Journal / Andy Hall and Phil Brinkman, May 14, 2000

WHO'S MONITORING THE WELFARE OF THE DOGS?

The Federal Government...

- Exercises no control beyond interstate gambling issues as *greyhound racing is a state mandated business*

State Regulation...

- Focuses on the formulation of gaming rules and their oversight.
- Fails to stipulate humane conditions for the dogs in almost all racing states. Does not generally address the "disposition" of the greyhounds leaving the system.

The National Greyhound Association...

- Is only a Non Profit registry organization. It has no authority over the care, treatment or disposition of greyhounds.
- Has no authority to enter the private property of their members without permission.

Greyhound Racetracks...

- Are in the gambling business not the greyhound business. Kennel operators contract with the tracks to provide dogs. It is the kennel workers who care for the dogs and pay expenses related to the dogs – not the tracks.

Track Veterinarians...

- With few exceptions, are not available beyond the limited hours of the race event. * Sick and injured animals are generally administered to, after race hours, by kennel personnel who tend to rely on home remedies to cut costs, including incidents of "home surgery" techniques, such as sewing up a laceration with fishing line.