



Remote Gambling on Greyhound Racing

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Does the Wire Act prohibit internet gambling on racing?

- Conflict between the Wire Act and the Interstate Horse Racing Act
- Industry solution: find a state that permits the processing of internet bets on racing, under the theory that the bets occur in that state
- Oregon legalizes the processing of ADW bets in 1999, followed by North Dakota

About GREY2K USA Worldwide

- Formed in 2001, GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection group in the world. As a nonprofit organization we work to pass stronger greyhound protection laws and end dog racing. We also promote the rescue and adoption of greyhounds.
- We led a campaign to end greyhound racing in Florida in 2018, which resulted in the closure of twelve dog tracks. Floridians voted overwhelmingly, 69% - 31%, to phase out dog racing.
- Our bipartisan campaigns have earned the support of conservative luminaries including Lara Trump, Senator Rick Scott, Congressman Matt Gaetz, Congressman Zach Nunn, Congresswoman Nancy Mace, Governor Mike Huckabee, Governor Doug Ducey and Attorney General Pam Bondi.
- Republicans and Democrats have joined together on this issue because it embodies mainstream values regarding how we should treat dogs.



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Animal Welfare Problems in Greyhound Racing

- Greyhounds suffer serious injuries. According to the Oregon Racing Commission, more than 10,000 greyhounds were injured in 2023 at tracks that use the Oregon betting system.
- In 2022, 666 greyhound injuries were reported at the two dog tracks in West Virginia alone, including 218 dogs that suffered broken bones and five that died.
- Greyhounds endure lives of confinement, spending 20 - 23 hours a day in stacked metal cages.
- Since 2020, greyhound breeders in four states were caught using rabbits in cruel live lure training exercises.





Wheeling Island
Casino & Racetrack

Mardi Gras Casino &
Resort in Cross Lanes

Dog Racing is a Dying Industry

- Greyhound racing now exists in the United States at only two tracks in West Virginia.
- Roughly 2,000 dogs endure lives of confinement and many suffer serious injuries at these West Virginia tracks.
- Greyhound racing is illegal in 43 states.
- \$350 million is bet each year on greyhound racing nationwide, \$60 million via the North Dakota ADW hub system.

What is “Advance Deposit Wagering” on greyhound racing?



FOREIGN DOG RACES

Greyhounds race at foreign race courses such as Agua Caliente, a track in Mexico with alleged ties to drug cartels.



INTERNET BETS

Internet gambling companies like US Off-Track electronically stream dog races on mobile apps and let people in fewer than twenty states place bets.



NORTH DAKOTA'S ROLE

Because internet bets on dog races are legally suspect under federal law, internet gambling companies process them in North Dakota, under the legal theory that they occur there.



CRUELTY

Greyhounds suffer at foreign dog tracks, enduring lives of confinement and suffering serious injuries.



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The North Dakota Racing Commission licenses out-of-state Advance Deposit Wagering companies.



WHO PROFITS?

The vast majority of the profits from ADW betting on greyhound races is retained by internet gambling companies.

FISCAL YEAR
JULY, 2022 - JUNE, 2023

TOTAL AMOUNT
BET ON DOG RACING

\$60,673,644

BREED FUND
REVENUE

\$29,304

PROMOTION FUND
REVENUE

\$29,304

PURSE FUND
REVENUE

\$29,304

OPERATION FUND
REVENUE

\$29,304

GENERAL FUND
REVENUE

\$25,000*

Greyhound ADW Betting provides very little revenue

- In Fiscal Year 2022/23 dog racing accounted for only 5.29% of all ADW bets.
- In Fiscal year 2022/23, \$60.7 million in ADW greyhound bets were processed in North Dakota, and the state received only \$145,000 in revenue.

*Estimated figure

Data provided by the North Dakota Racing Commission to GREY2K USA Worldwide, gratefully acknowledged

North Dakotans Overwhelmingly Oppose Processing Greyhound Bets

71%

of North Dakotans oppose letting foreign dog tracks use North Dakota to process bets

- Polling conducted in 2023 by Thirty -Ninth Street Strategies found that 71% of North Dakotans oppose letting foreign dog tracks use their state to process bets.
- 75% of North Dakotans were more likely to oppose processing greyhound racing bets after hearing that North Dakota is being used by a Mexican dog track with alleged ties to drug cartels.
- After hearing pro and con messaging, opposition rises to 75%, including 72% of Republicans.

Jorge Hank Rhon

- Notorious owner of Mexican dog track Agua Caliente.
- Mr. Rhon “has been suspected by U.S. law enforcement and Mexican authorities of illegal money laundering activities related to illicit drug trafficking, particularly with the Arellano Felix drug cartel.”
- On numerous occasions, Mr. Rhon has been linked to the trafficking of endangered wildlife.
- Mr. Rhon was arrested and detained by the federal government after 88 guns were found at his home, including a firearm that was linked to a murder.
- The Governor of Baja, MX described Mr. Rhon as the head of a “criminal group” and quoted a former governor as saying “All roads lead to the Racecourse.” He accused Mr. Rhon of being personally responsible for the high crime rate in his state.



Summary

- As the practice of greyhound racing is dying, it is not a sustainable funding source for horse racing or the Racing Commission.
- Phasing out greyhound bets impacts the General Fund and horsemen's funds negligibly and would allow the horse industry to identify a viable, long-term funding source instead.
- This move will also end North Dakota's involvement in propping up a cartel-affiliated Mexican dog track.
- North Dakotans overwhelmingly oppose the processing of greyhound bets in North Dakota.

Questions?



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