



To: Chairman John Barker  
Vice Chair Ron Highland  
Members, House Federal & State Affairs Committee  
Cc: Rep. Dennis "Boog" Highberger

From: Lisa V. Horn

Re: HB 2545: Oppose Greyhound Racing in Kansas

Date: February 13, 2018

Dear Chairman Barker and Committee Members:

My name is Lisa Horn and I'm a Lawrence resident and KCREGAP volunteer. My husband and I have adopted a retired racing greyhound. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

Our dog, Ash, was in more than 100 races and survived. She is one of the lucky ones. I often wonder what her life was like before she became a permanent member of our family and in light of the statistics below, know how fortunate we are to have her.

As you review this bill, please consider:

- In the last six months of operation at The Woodlands, 80 dogs were injured. The majority of injuries were broken legs, but there were also sprains, torn muscles and a spinal injury. Nineteen dogs were euthanized or *died while racing*.
- It takes 500 to 1,000 greyhounds to keep a year-round track open and running. If Kansas brings back greyhound racing, the numbers of injured and dead greyhounds will likely skyrocket.

Ash's story, as well as these statistics, is why I urge you to remove greyhound racing from HB 2545. Thank you for the opportunity to share this information.

Sincerely,

Lisa V. Horn

