



To: Chairman John Barker
Vice Chair Ron Highland
Members, House Federal & State Affairs Committee

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Dear Chairman Barker and Committee Members:

My name is Sharen Miller, and I am representing KCREGAP. Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.

In addition to adopting greyhounds, I volunteer with KCREGAP where I transport greyhounds from various places to KCREGAP shelters. I also have spent a lot of time with greyhounds while they are at the kennels until they are placed in foster homes or adopted. Consequently, I have seen firsthand the damage a life of racing does to these beautiful and gentle creatures.

Florida is the last remaining "big racing" state where a racing greyhound dies every three days, either from a broken neck, fractured skull, cardiac arrest, or electrocution. Between races, greyhounds endure long stretches of being kenneled and muzzled without exercise, socialization, or proper nutrition.

Dozens of cases of greyhound cruelty and neglect, including dogs dying from starvation or lack of veterinary care, have been documented. In one instance an Alabama farmer admitted that Florida greyhound trainers were paying him \$10 a head to dispose of aging, slow or gimp dogs, killing at least 2,000 over the years by shooting them in the head with a .22-caliber rifle and then tossing their remains into a trench.

My personal experience with greyhounds compels me to urge you to reject greyhound racing. Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today.

Sincerely,

Sharen Miller

