



# FACT SHEET:

## House Bill 630, the Greyhound Protection Act

### PLEASE SUPPORT HB 630, THE GREYHOUND PROTECTION ACT

- This humane measure prohibits greyhound racing, an activity that has already ended. It has no effect on horse racing or any other activity. New Hampshire racetracks will not be affected in any way.
- HB 630 was overwhelmingly approved by the House of Representatives by a margin of 245-113 after receiving favorable recommendations from both the Local and Regulated Revenues Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. It was then approved by a margin of 6-1 by the Senate Ways and Means Committee.
- Even though New Hampshire racetracks have already voluntarily ended dog racing, unless the law is changed greyhound racing could come back at any time.

### GREYHOUND RACING IS CRUEL AND INHUMANE

- At commercial racetracks, greyhounds endure lives of terrible confinement.
- Between 2005 and 2008, nearly 1,200 greyhounds were injured while racing in New Hampshire.
- Reported injuries include greyhounds that suffered broken legs, paralysis and death from cardiac arrest.



Photo taken by the NH Racing and Charitable Gaming Commission, 2008

### MOST NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS SUPPORT THIS HUMANE PROPOSAL

- A solid majority (59%) of New Hampshire residents support ending dog racing, according to a survey conducted in April 2009 by the University of New Hampshire.

### DOG RACING WAS A MONEY LOSER, BOTH FOR THE STATE AND THE RACETRACKS

- Greyhound racing was a money loser for the state. The state spent more money regulating dog racing than it received in revenue.
- Greyhound racing was a money loser for the racetracks themselves, and they have already made the business decision to end it.

### GREYHOUND RACING GOES AGAINST THE VALUES OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

- Greyhound racing is now illegal in most states, including all of the states that border New Hampshire. New Hampshire prides itself on being a family friendly state, and allowing greyhound racing goes against the values of the Granite State.