



HELPFUL TIPS

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THREE RULES TO HELP YOU GET YOUR LETTER PUBLISHED

Sending Letters to the Editor to your local newspaper is one of the best ways to educate the public about the cruelty of greyhound racing. By following these three rules, you can increase the likelihood that your letter will be published.

1. **Include your full name, address, and telephone number in your letter.** Newspapers need this information to verify that you are the author.
2. Feel free to use the sample Letter to the Editor below as a guide. However, do not copy this word for word; submit a letter in your own words.
3. **You will have a better chance of having your letter published if it is in response to a recent news story.** In this case, refer to the recent story in your letter. For example, if your newspaper published the story “Dog racing struggles to stay on track” on May 9, the opening line of your letter should read:

I am relieved to learn that greyhound racing is on the decline. (Dog racing struggles to stay on track, May 9)

SAMPLE LETTER TO THE EDITOR

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Every year, thousands of greyhounds are killed when they are no longer fast enough to be profitable as racers. These gentle dogs are kept confined in small cages barely large enough for them to stand up and turn around, for as much as twenty hours each day. When racing, they suffer the risk of sustaining career and life-ending injuries. This is no way to treat a dog!

Dog racing is a profit-driven industry. Kennel owners are always looking to cut costs, which in turn jeopardizes the health and welfare of greyhounds. For instance, the typical diet of a racing greyhound consists of raw 4-D “downer” meat from diseased livestock.

Greyhound racing is illegal in 34 states, and should be outlawed nationwide. More facts and information about greyhound racing can be found online at www.grey2kusa.org.

Respectfully,

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