



# Race dog tests positive for cocaine, report says

*Investigation underway*

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**SANFORD, Fla.** —Allegations of dog-drugging at a Central Florida race track have been uncovered by a WESH 2 News investigation.

WESH 2 News obtained a document revealing claims that cocaine was found in a race dog.

A copy of an inner office, weekly report sent to Florida's director of Pari-Mutuel Wagering in mid-September, states, in the general note section, that the division "received one report of a positive result from its racing laboratory," meaning the laboratory that tests the blood and urine of racing animals. The document goes on to say that the positive result was for a "metabolite of cocaine" and it was found at the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club.

WESH 2 News reached out to the state to ask about what appears to be a case of a greyhound testing positive for cocaine.

In an email, a spokeswoman for The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering, said:

"There is no public information at this time responsive to your request. The Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering cannot confirm or deny the existence of a case or investigation until an administrative complaint is filed."

WESH 2 News also reached out to the Sanford Orlando Kennel Club. A spokesman said he was unaware of any issue and could not make a comment.

The founder of Grey2K USA, a national non-profit organization that opposes greyhound racing, said if a greyhound was exposed to cocaine, whether the dog was given it or it came into contact with people who are using the narcotic, it is a practice that can't be tolerated.

"We don't know how these dogs are ingesting cocaine. We don't know if it's intentional. We do know that 21 dogs in Florida have tested positive for cocaine in 2008 and that's deeply disturbing," said Carey Theil, co-founder of Grey2K USA.