

## **Greyhound Injuries at Wheeling Island, January 2008 to September 2009**

707 greyhounds were reported injured at Wheeling Island Racetrack between January 2008 and September 2009, according to state records provided by the West Virginia Racing Commission. More than one hundred of these injuries involved broken legs, and other reported injuries included dislocations, broken ankles, lacerations, fractured skulls and spinal injuries. In total, 62 dogs died or were euthanized.

In addition, state records indicate that more than one thousand greyhounds were prevented from racing because of lameness, injury or illness.

These reports also document individual dogs that suffered fatal injuries.

### **Statistical Summary**

- **707 reported greyhound injuries**
  - 469 in 2008
  - 238 from January to September 2009
- **325 reported injuries were broken bones or dislocations**
  - This represents 46% of all reported injuries
  - 205 in 2008
  - 120 from January to September 2009
- **146 reported injuries were broken legs**
  - This represents 21% of all reported injuries
  - 99 in 2008
  - 47 from January to September 2009
- **28 greyhounds suffered fractured skulls or spinal injuries**
  - 13 in 2008
  - 15 from January to September 2009
- **62 greyhounds died or were euthanized**
  - 41 in 2008
  - 21 from January to September 2009
- **561 greyhounds were prevented from racing because of lameness or injury**
  - 386 in 2008
  - 175 from January to July 2009
- **576 greyhounds were prevented from racing because of illness**
  - 331 in 2008
  - 245 from January to July 2009

### **Individual Dogs Who Suffered Fatal Injuries**

- On July 1, 2009 a greyhound died after being hit by the mechanical lure and suffering head trauma and seizures.
- On September 2, 2009 a greyhound was euthanized after suffering a spinal cord injury.
- On September 4, 2009 a greyhound was euthanized after suffering a broken leg. On the same day, another greyhound collapsed after a race and died.