



Rescued Pets for
Adoption

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Written testimony in opposition to HB 2199

Chairman Barker and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ellen Querner, and I am the President of Spay-Neuter Kansas and Pals Animal Rescue.

In 1989 the Wichita Greyhound Park was built in Sedgwick County. At that time I was the President of the Kansas Humane Society Board of Directors. When this track was built it greatly affected the Kansas Humane Society and the Wichita Animal Shelter as we began to take in many greyhounds that previously were not very common in our shelters. It added to the burden of caring for unwanted dogs, dogs running at large, and calls about the care of the dogs at the track and at breeding farms.

At the same time the track was built, a woman built a crematory outside of Park City to specifically cremate the greyhounds that were put down at the track.

When the track closed, greyhounds, again, became a rare breed taken in by shelters. Shortly after the track closed the crematory also closed and the calls from neighbors about the smell and smoke stopped.

The community did not support the greyhound track then and they won't support dog racing today. So, why is it important to bring this totally unacceptable sport back and again burden our shelters and community with the dark side of greyhound racing?

I, and those that I represent, urge you to oppose HB 2199.

Sincerely,

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