

# Greyhound Pets of America™

*The Greyhound Retirement Specialists™*



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RE: OPPOSITIONtoSB84

To Whom it May Concern,

Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) was established in 1987 as a 501c3 non profit organization with a mission of placing retired racing greyhounds into permanent homes. We have recently reached a milestone of over 100,000 placements, and are the oldest and largest greyhound specific Adoption organization in the world. As such, we oppose Kansas SB84 and its specific exclusion of greyhounds and the sport of professional Greyhound racing.

Our organization has achieved the pinnacle of NGA greyhound adoption success via our many chapters and over 7000 volunteers across North America, as well as networking with other reputable Greyhound specific adoption groups, with tracks, and with the National Greyhound Association (NGA.) The National Officers and our chapters are currently closely working with many reputable groups across the country to provide them with retiring greyhounds to fill their waiting lists, as there has been an increasing demand for ex racers over recent months and years. In fact, as Florida tracks wound down their operations in December, 2020, and all retiring racers placed, a significant void has remained of these sociable greyhounds to the extent that GPA chapters alone still report nearly 200 waiting applicants, and many other of the 150+ legitimate Greyhound specific adoption organizations are reporting even higher numbers of waiting lists for retiring pet greyhounds.

It is our firm belief, due to our boots on the ground handling of these Greyhounds from birth through retirement, via our presence on farms, training facilities, and racing kennels, that racing bred greyhounds have become such pet sensations due to their entire life experiences - not in spite of them. We will continue our mission, both now and in the future, in the same reliable and trustworthy manner as we always have, and we will continue to speak the truth regarding our firsthand experiences about their lives from farms to tracks to retirement homes.

Likewise, we will continue to support the responsible continuation and expansion of the sport of professional Greyhound racing.

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