

Greyhound Pets of America - Kansas



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To Whom it May Concern:

In light of previous testimony given last session, Greyhound Pets of America - Kansas would like to submit the following: We are a 501c3 registered non-profit organization in the state, and we operate here locally as a chapter of Greyhound Pets of America-National, the oldest and largest greyhound specific adoption organization in the world. "GPA" has chapters located throughout the United States and Canada, and works within a framework of its own chapters as well as with other reputable Greyhound specific adoption programs to ensure that greyhounds ready for "retirement" as pets are properly vetted, and then matched to awaiting pre-approved families. Greyhound Pets of America, which includes our Kansas chapter, has a decades long record of involvement with Kansas born and raised greyhounds. In 2020, even with no racing in the state, GPA Kansas worked with Kansas breeders and facilitated the placement of 382 retired breeding stock and racers.

Our National organization recently reached the pinnacle of assisting over 100,000 greyhounds into pet homes since our inception. To accomplish that, we worked with volunteers both within the state of Kansas, nearby GPA and non GPA Groups, and other reputable Greyhound specific groups throughout North America. Thus far, in the first month and a half of 2021, just the Kansas chapter has placed 66, and are still experiencing long greyhound pet waiting lists across North America. This information, as well as identifying details of the greyhounds placed, are kept by each individual adoption organization for safety and verification. It is this long standing support network of 150+ adoption groups within the greyhound community that has made the adoption of racing bred greyhounds the great success that it has become.

GPA had a presence in Kansas when active racing was in Wichita, and is here and ready to continue our mission both now and in the future. It is because of our hands-on interactions, experiences, and placements of racing bred greyhounds that we fully support the original Kansas sports betting bill with no amendments that would exclude greyhounds and the sport of professional Greyhound racing. We may be reached any time at: GPAKansas019@gmail.com and would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you,

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