

To: Chairman Barker and Members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee
From: Terry Humphrey, Lobbyist, for Humane Society of the United States and Stray Dog Policy
Re: Neutral Testimony on Substitute for SB 84
Date: March 18, 2021

I am Terry Humphrey, lobbyist for the Humane Society of the United States and Stray Dog Policy. Today I am speaking on their behalf and for 47 animal welfare organizations across the state of Kansas.

SB 84 was amended in the Senate Federal and State Affairs committee to exclude sports wagering on greyhound racing. With this amendment the organizations I represent became neutral.

The prohibition on sports wagering on greyhound racing was supported in the Senate. A floor amendment in the Senate to allow sports wagering on greyhound racing was soundly defeated. The vast majority of Senators - and your constituents - oppose greyhound racing.

Due to animal cruelty and declining revenues, 41 states have made dog racing illegal and only 4 states have active racetracks (with Arkansas ending in 2022). Kansas citizens, like the rest of the country, have rejected greyhound racing with their wallets.

I ask that you resist any effort here to amend the bill to allow sports wagering on greyhound races. As long as SB 84 is not altered to allow wagering on greyhound racing, the Humane Society of the United States, Stray Dog Policy, and the 47 animal welfare organizations listed below have no opposition to SB 84.

Thank you,
Terry Humphrey

City of Arma – Animal Control, Arma
We are a Grateful Sanctuary (WAGS), Bel Plaine
CCARE, Clay Center
Emporia Animal Shelter, Emporia
Humane Society of the Flint Hills, Emporia
Golden Belt Humane Society, Great Bend
Humane Society of the High Plains, Hays
Western Kansas Animal Alliance, Inc., Hays
Western Plains Animal Refuge, Hays
Brown County Humane Society, Hiawatha
Heart of Jackson Humane Society, Holton
Hutchinson Animal Shelter, Hutchinson
Animals With Our Love (AOL), Independence
Humane Society of Greater Kansas City, Kansas City
KC RE-GAP – Greyhound Rescue Kansas City, Kansas City
Pawsitive Tails, Kansas City
Kingman County Humane Society, Kingman
Allen County Animal Rescue Facility, La Harpe
Pawnee Co. Humane Society, Larned
Leavenworth Co. Humane Society, Leavenworth
Riley County Humane Society, Manhattan
Russel T. Reitz Animal Shelter, Manhattan
Freeman Arabian Ranch and Rescue, Meriden
Great Plains SPCA, Merriam
Always & Furever Midwest Animal Sanctuary, Miami Co.
SRL – All Breed Dog Rescue, Minneapolis

Prairie Paws Animal Shelter, Ottawa
Proud Animal Lovers (PALS), Parsons
SEK Animal Advocates Group, Pittsburg
Southeast Kansas Humane Society, Pittsburg
Olive's Hope, Pleasanton
Keller K9 ResQ, Quinter
Helping Hands Humane Society, Topeka
Wellington Humane Society, Wellington
Beauties & Beasts, Wichita
Companion Animal Protection Society of Kansas, Wichita
Pals Animal Rescue, Inc., Wichita
Wichita Animal Action League, Wichita
Cowley County Humane Society, Winfield
Winfield Humane Society, Winfield
HEARTland Positive Dog Training Alliance
Humane Society Legislative Fund of Kansas
Humane Society of the United States
Kansas Animal Control Association
Stray Dog Capital
Stray Dog Policy
Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association (HSVMA)