

HR 4631 eliminates all use of live animals  
in greyhound coursing.

No longer used in public  
displays of coursing.  
There is a trend toward using  
the machine.

# National Greyhound Association

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Dear [REDACTED]:

With the Greyhound breeding-raising industry as large as it is in Kansas, we thought you might be interested in knowing where Sen. Bob Dole stands in regard to proposed legislation that would do nothing short of crippling the industry in this state. Copy of his position is enclosed.

Greyhounds are a multi-million dollar business for Kansas, which now ranks third nationally as a greyhound-producing state and enjoys a steady annual growth of about 12-15%. Some \$14 million is invested by Kansas breeders in land, housing, kenneling, fencing, etc., with another \$7 million spent raising or maintaining these 12,000 Kansas-bred greyhounds. There are about 250 active greyhound breeders in Kansas, who in turn employ another 550-600 persons, mostly full-time.

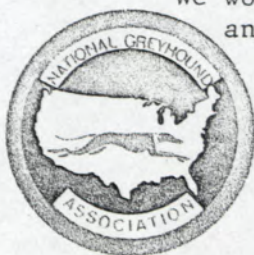
In addition, Abilene is the home of the Greyhound Hall Of Fame (directly across from the Eisenhower Center), representing another half-million dollar investment and attracting thousands of tourists each year. Our association, the NGA, is the officially recognized registry for all racing greyhounds on this continent, and now has a gross operating revenue of about \$500,000 annually. What makes the greyhound industry all the more appealing to Kansas is the fact that nearly all the revenue is derived from out-of-state sources: other states that offer pari-mutuel racing.

However, the legislation proposed would no longer permit Kansas breeders to raise and train their pups in this state, then export them to these racing states. Overnight, the greyhound industry in Kansas would--quite simply--die.

Despite this, it appears Sen. Dole is ready to turn his back on this state's Greyhound industry. It makes us wonder about the charges often made against Sen. Dole in regard to his paying too little attention to the people in the state which he professes to represent.

We would be interested in knowing your position on this proposed legislation, and then relating it (along with Mr. Dole's) to the breeders in this state.

Thank you for your time. If we can be of any service or assistance, please let us know.



Established in 1906  
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cc: Sen. Bob Dole  
Henry Jameson, Abilene Refl.-Chr.

Sincerely,

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