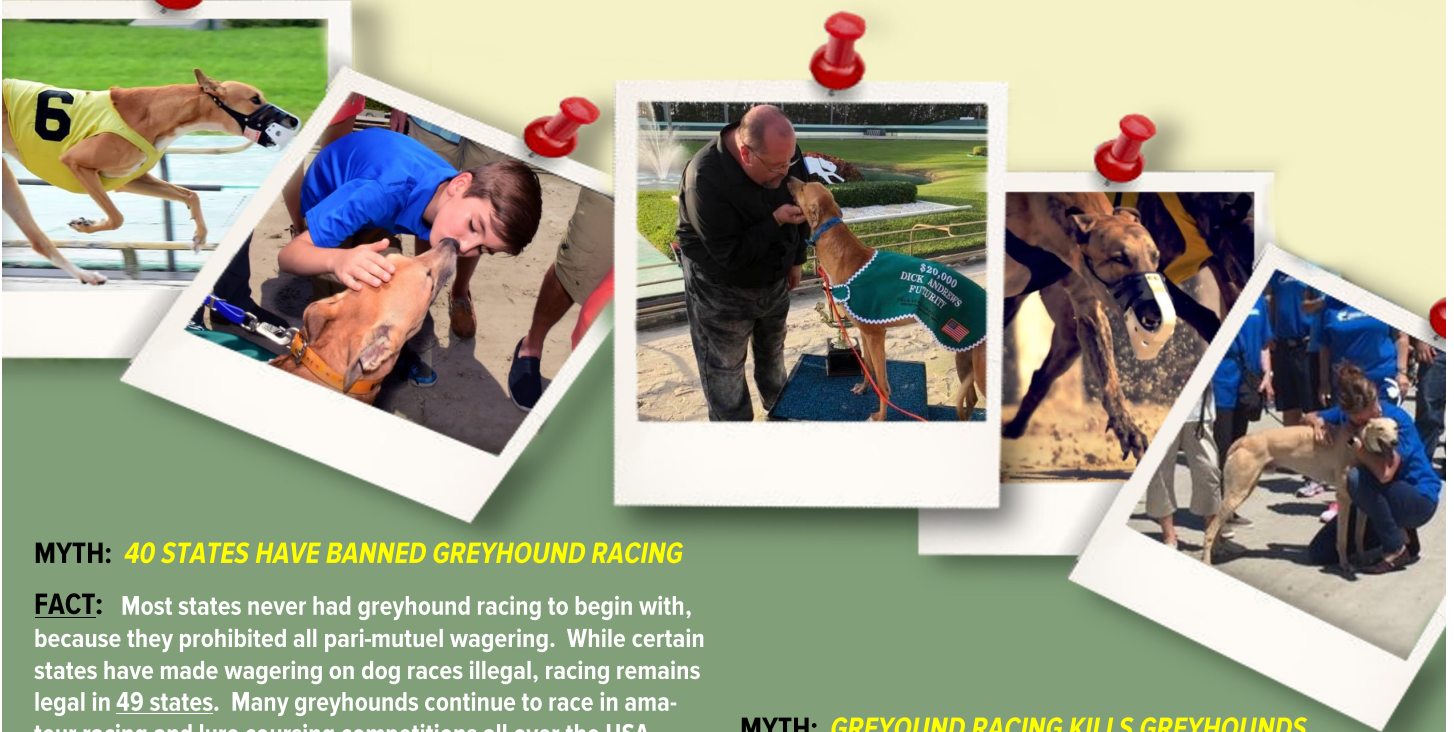


Truth On Greyhound Racing

There are nearly 200,000 retired Greyhounds currently living out their lives as loving, adopted pets. Abused, neglected and traumatized dogs don't just simply become a pet phenomenon, as Greyhounds have. Dogs reflect and express the quality of their breeding, upbringing, handling, experiences and environment. Greyhounds, like all other dogs, make great pets **BECAUSE** of all these things---not in spite of them.



MYTH: 40 STATES HAVE BANNED GREYHOUND RACING

FACT: Most states never had greyhound racing to begin with, because they prohibited all pari-mutuel wagering. While certain states have made wagering on dog races illegal, racing remains legal in 49 states. Many greyhounds continue to race in amateur racing and lure coursing competitions all over the USA.

MYTH: GREYHOUNDS ARE KEPT IN KENNELS ALL DAY

FACT: Like most dogs, Greyhounds love to sleep up to 16 hours per day. Greyhounds spend only about 2-4 hours per day of their “awake time” in their crates. Greyhounds lead very busy and active lives, full of outdoor exercise, social interaction and play with kennel mates and handlers. If they weren’t physically active and healthy, greyhounds wouldn’t develop and maintain the impressive speed, power and muscle strength that make them such great canine athletes.

MYTH: GREYHOUNDS ARE GIVEN DRUGS TO ENHANCE PERFORMANCE

FACT: Drug testing by Florida officials over the past 10 years found only 71 out of 440,586 urine samples where miniscule trace amounts of cocaine metabolites were present, likely due to environmental contamination. That’s a positive rate of just 0.016%. Professional sports franchise owners can only dream of their sports being this clean.

MYTH: GREYHOUND RACING KILLS GREYHOUNDS

FACT: The statistics show that greyhounds, like other canine breeds, can be subject to premature death due to causes that have nothing to do with racing, such as undetected illness, congenital defects, or undiagnosed conditions. Supporters of Question 13 have taken state statistics out of context to suggest that all greyhound deaths are due to racing. Nothing could be further from the truth.

MYTH: RACING INJURIES ARE A SERIOUS PROBLEM

FACT: Sportsvet.com, a veterinary medicine website, conducted the most comprehensive injury survey ever done, and found an injury rate in greyhound racing of 0.2 percent (two-tenths of one percent). Most Greyhound injuries are minor and allow the greyhound to resume racing after a few weeks, or transition into retirement in a loving adoptive home.

