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STATEMENT BY GREY2K USA ON ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FOUR GREYHOUND TRAINERS TO BE DISCIPLINED FOR INJURY REPORTING IRREGULARITIES

Greyhound Protection Group Says Track Regulators Giving Violators a Slap on the Wrist

“Two weeks ago, we filed a complaint with Attorney General Tom Reilly, asking him to open a criminal investigation to determine whether acts of perjury have been committed by employees of the State Racing Commission and two Massachusetts dog tracks.

Our complaint outlined 12 irregularities that have been discovered in official state greyhound disposition and injury reports. These irregularities include a case in which two state reports indicate that a dog was euthanized on two different days, three months apart.

The Racing Commission today confirmed 10 of these irregularities, and announced that four greyhound trainers will be disciplined. Specifically, the Board of Judges will hold hearings and intends to issue formal ‘warnings’ regarding reporting accuracy and timeliness.

While we applaud the Commission for its investigation of this matter, which led to the confirmation of these irregularities, we are disappointed by its failure to appropriately sanction multiple individuals who have clearly violated the law.

We believe that these greyhound trainers may have perjured themselves by intentionally falsifying or omitting information about greyhound injuries. We find it incredible that after investigating and confirming such irregularities, the Commission would choose to give these individuals a mere slap on the wrist.

Finally, we are troubled by the Commission’s attempt to find a loophole in the state’s greyhound injury reporting law, by claiming that injuries occurring in unofficial schooling races need not be reported. This interpretation clearly violates the letter of the law, and prevents the public from knowing how many dogs are injured while racing in the Commonwealth.

We will continue to urge Attorney General Reilly to investigate this matter. Now that the Racing Commission has confirmed these regularities, law enforcement officials must determine whether acts of perjury have been committed by employees of the State Racing Commission and two Massachusetts dog tracks.”

GREY2K USA is a national non-profit greyhound protection organization with more than 20,000 members and constituents nationwide.

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