

SEK Humane Society
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President, SEK Humane Society

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Re: SB 427

Dear Senator Estes and Members of the Committee:

I am unable to attend the hearing today and offer this written testimony in opposition of SB 427.

I have been involved with the Southeast Kansas Humane Society in Pittsburg for the past 40 years. During that time we received many, many greyhounds from the racing industry. All in need of care.

SB 427 would reopen 3 tracks in Kansas bringing back the dog racing industry to Kansas. I would remind you that these tracks closed because the people of Kansas do not support greyhound racing. In fact the American public rejected greyhound racing and it is now illegal in 40 states.

Kansas is already in 2nd place for production of dogs from sub-standard breeding facilities and greyhound breeding will add to an already over-burdened shelter/rescue community. The racing industry promotes an overpopulation of dogs numbering in the thousands. No matter how hard the shelters and rescues try, they simply cannot save them all.

I would ask the committee to please remove the dogs from this bill. SEK Humane Society and shelters and rescues across our state cannot afford and should not be responsible for the burden of thousands of unwanted and abandoned greyhounds.

Please feel free to contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,
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