

Chair Estes and Members of Committee considering bill SB427.dox and it's extenuating issues.

My name is Linda Stewart. I have formed and worked with the Wellington Kansas Humane Society, Inc. for over the past 20 years. In May we will break ground for a new facility which will serve all of Sumner County. — An important part of our efforts over the years has been the education of school children concerning the responsible care of animals i.e. humane treatment and control of unwanted and unplaceable litters. — If greyhounds don't perform or are over produced they are "killed and thrown away" and not often in a humane manner. What does this teach our youth- -what worthwhile endeavor does it promote among uncaring adults that trade pain for an effort to enhance their incomes?— —Animal abuse and child abuse have proven to go hand-in-hand in today's society. Please do not promote these cruel practices by allowing this dog racing venue to be legalized in our state of Kansas.— —What kind of pride would this promote in our citizens? We already come up short on efforts to control illegal puppy mills within our state . How would this weigh on your conscience?— I am appealing to you to give strong consideration to vote against dog racing in our state. I appreciate your service and hope for you to represent the animals as well as the citizenry which (over 60% of the households) own one or more pet.

Sincerely, Linda Stewart
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