

To Chair Estes and Committee Members:

I am contacting you as a concerned citizen, animal shelter volunteer and former president of Shirley Yeager Animal Friends Foundation of SE KS, concerning SB 427 and the negative impact it will have on greyhound dogs and all groups and associations dedicated to helping them.

Greyhound racing is now banned in 40 states, with less than 1% of all wagering done in this racing industry. I personally know individuals who rescue these noble animals after they have been used, injured and discarded. It is very sad, with a purposed overpopulation created by many track owners to insure their stock. Their lack of compassion when done with each grey hound is heartless and unacceptable. The way many of them cage the animals between races, with no affection, no quality of life, to the point of muzzling them, is cruel.

Our state's caring reputation will be damaged if you vote for this bill. Please VOTE NO on SB 427 and be a voice of reason and compassion for these innocent victims.

I can be contacted at 620-644-8579 or mwsmth51@hotmail.com if you would like more information about why I am taking this stand.

For the Animals,
Martha Wells-Smith