



# Protect Dogs



## Love Dogs? Vote YES on 13

**Greyhound racing is cruel and inhumane**, and this election season, Florida voters have the chance to vote YES on Amendment 13 to **phase out greyhound racing in the state of Florida by 2020**.

We are proud to stand with a **strong coalition of bipartisan support** that includes **elected officials and candidates, businesses, civic organizations, animal welfare organizations, local animal shelters and veterinarians** calling for an end to greyhound racing in the state of Florida.

With 11 of the 17 remaining greyhound tracks in the United States located in Florida, a victory on Amendment 13 will be a significant blow to the industry and will **help bring an end to this cruel practice in this country**.

Here's why we support an end to greyhound racing in Florida:

- **Dogs are cruelly confined.** Approximately 8,000 greyhounds endure lives of confinement at Florida tracks, kept in warehouse-style kennels in rows of stacked metal cages that are barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around. They are normally confined for 20 to 23 hours per day in these cages.
- **Dogs are dying at Florida racetracks.** Since the state began tracking greyhound deaths in 2013, 493 dogs have died at Florida tracks. On average, a greyhound dies at a Florida dog track every three days. 94% of these dogs were three-years-old or younger.
- **Dogs are suffering serious injuries.** Florida is one of only two states that does not publicly report greyhound injuries. A single county, Seminole, began tracking greyhound injuries in May of 2017. Since then, that county alone has reported 87 greyhound injuries, including 64 greyhounds that suffered broken bones and five dogs that died.
- **There is a serious doping problem in the racing industry.** Over the past decade there have been 419 greyhound drug positives at Florida tracks, including 73 greyhound cocaine positives, and positive results for novocaine, lidocaine, industrial solvent DMSO, and opiates oxycodone and oxymorphone.
- **Greyhounds are fed meat from dead, dying, diseased or disabled animals.** To reduce costs, greyhounds are fed raw "4-D" meat from downed animals that has been deemed unfit for human consumption and contains denatured charcoal.

Amendment 13 has widespread support but a **60% majority** of everyone who votes is required to pass this ballot measure, so **your YES vote is critical to help end greyhound racing**.

We stand for greyhounds and support Amendment 13 – and we urge Florida voters to **VOTE YES on 13** and bring an end to greyhound racing in the state of Florida.

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