



March 2, 2007

To: Arizona Department of Racing

Attn: Mr. Geoffrey Gonsler, Director

via fax and email

Re: Greyhound Welfare Issue

Dear Mr. Gonsler,

I am following up on my February 12<sup>th</sup> letter regarding Tucson Greyhound Park's (TGP) ill-conceived plan to pass out free greyhounds to the public. As you will see in one of my attachments, they are forging ahead by running a full-page "free greyhound" ad in the TGP race programs.

It appears that after they were advised that those of us in the adoption community were critical of this method of adoption, they convinced the Phoenix Chapter of Greyhound Pets of America (GPA) to endorse their actions by using the GPA adoption paperwork. Paperwork, alone, does not make for responsible adoptions particularly when essential pre-adoption and medical procedures have been crossed out. I am attaching the adoption application and contract that is being offered to applicants. You will note that the following services are not provided for:

- Spay or neuter prior to adoption
- Teeth cleaning
- Worming
- Profiling
- Valley Fever and tick-borne disease testing
- Home visit

I am not aware of any greyhound adoption organization or racetrack in the country that operates in this fashion particularly with regard to the first four items.

This plan provides no safeguards against the dogs ending up as bait for fighting dogs or any of the other horrific abuses that can occur when the adoptions are not properly monitored.

With a reported 300 greyhounds in the compound that need to be petted out, I can understand the track's desperation, but that does not excuse this highly irresponsible method of ridding themselves of the obligation to provide safe, loving homes for their failed racers.

Thank you,

Susan Netboy, President  
Greyhound Protection League

Attachments: 4 pages