



March 14, 2007

To: Arizona Department of Racing

Attn: Mr. Geoffrey Gonsher, Director

via email

Re: Greyhound Welfare Issue

Dear Mr. Gonsher,

I want to update you on the status of Tucson Greyhound Park's Free Greyhound Adoption Program. After seeing the complaints and letters of concern, the track now recognizes that giving away greyhounds is not the way to solve their difficulties with regard to an overload of pets in the compound. I am relieved to inform you that, as far as I am aware, the free greyhound program has come to a halt.

I also need to correct the impression that the track received some kind of endorsement from the Phoenix Greyhound Pets of America chapter. Apparently, the track made use of GPA paperwork without obtaining permission from the organization.

However, we are still facing an immense problem with an overload of pets at TGP. I think that your idea of setting up a taskforce to structure adoption guidelines is an excellent one. It is my understanding that Rory Goree who heads the Phoenix GPA chapter is intending to set up an adoption chapter in Tucson. He is, therefore, an excellent choice for inclusion on the taskforce. I am optimistic that he, along with the other individuals that you mentioned, will come up with creative solutions to resolve the on-going pet problems that seem to plague Tucson Greyhound Park.

Thank you for tackling this difficult situation and for your commitment to the welfare of Arizona racing greyhounds.

Best regards,

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