



February 23, 2006

To: Colorado Division of Racing

Attn: Mr. Dan Hartman

From: Susan Netboy

Re: Tucson Greyhound Park's use of Colorado as a "dumping ground" for uncompetitive racing greyhounds.

Dear Mr. Hartman,

Based on reports we have received from a number of unrelated sources, the Greyhound Protection League has been conducting an inquiry into the activities of your licensee, Richard Favreau. Mr. Favreau has apparently entered into business dealings with Tucson Greyhound Park (TGP) management to assist them in their efforts to "get rid" of greyhounds that are no longer profitable at their Arizona racing facility. Having exhausted the capacity of Mexican dog tracks to absorb their excess pets, TGP is now using nearby racing states and the services of people like Mr. Favreau to relieve themselves of their ethical responsibilities to their grade-offs.

We have been advised that over the last few months as many as 100 Tucson greyhounds have been transported by Mr. Favreau to his property in Calhan, Colorado, where he operates a breeding and training facility. To date, there is no reliable verification as to what has happened to these greyhounds.

We are also aware that this past weekend, Mr. Favreau and an associate transported an additional 30 greyhounds from the Tucson kennel compound to his Colorado facility.

TGP management claims that they are sending their greyhounds to Colorado for adoption. If this is the case, TGP management, Mr. Favreau, and the Colorado adoption organizations should be able to provide documentation on each of the greyhounds that have been hauled from the Tucson racing facility by Mr. Favreau.

While we would question the wisdom of hauling pet greyhounds to a racing state that already has an overabundance of greyhounds, we would none-the-less applaud any sincere effort to save the lives of greyhounds. However, if the greyhounds were hauled out of Arizona so that they would "disappear", be sold for rabbit or coyote hunting, for medical research, or some other unacceptable fate, we would find it necessary to

intervene. Since no reasonable explanation has as yet been set forth, we find it necessary to request your assistance.

The Greyhound Protection League is herein submitting a formal request that your agency open an investigation into the final disposition of TGP greyhounds that are ending up in your jurisdiction. We would appreciate your obtaining and forwarding to us the following information:

1. Disposition records including full identification of all the greyhounds that have been hauled out of TGP kennel facilities by Mr. Favreau or his associates.
2. A sworn statement from Mr. Favreau as to the whereabouts of the TGP greyhounds that he hauled out of Tucson.
3. A verifiable accounting of where each of those greyhounds is currently located.
4. Ownership and identification of all greyhounds currently on the Favreau property.
5. An assessment of the condition of the greyhounds and Mr. Favreau's ability to properly care for animals on his property.
6. A sworn statement from Mr. Favreau regarding what he intends to do with the TGP greyhounds housed on his property.

We greatly appreciate your looking into this matter and look forward to hearing from you. Please feel free to call me if you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

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