



# Greyhound Racing: The Real Losers

**February 2000**

**A Florida greyhound**

became entangled in and cut up by a mechanical lure during a race. Spectators were horrified by the dying dog's screams. The dog had to be euthanized.

**April 1998**

**Forty-five greyhound bodies** were found dumped at a utility substation in Missouri. Some dogs' ears had been cut off to eliminate tattoos that identify racers.

**September 1997**

**Of 35 malnourished greyhounds** confiscated from a breeding farm in West Virginia, 17 were too ill to save. The dogs were being fed roadkill by their owner.

**September 1996**

**In Texas, 60 greyhounds** from a Florida racetrack were found abandoned along a roadside, many unable to walk. Others lay dead nearby.

**These are just four examples of the many grisly tragedies that regularly occur in the greyhound-racing industry.**

**PETA**



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Those who participate in dog racing are in it for the money, and tens of thousands of greyhounds pay the price with their lives each year. Dogs may

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be killed in the most gruesome ways. In Arizona, workers clearing an overgrown orchard found more than 120 greyhounds who had been shot or bludgeoned to death. In Spain, used-up greyhounds are frequently hung from trees. Approximately 600 to 800 greyhounds from one Florida dog track alone are killed every year at a local veterinary clinic. Says one veterinarian, "I do this because it's the best way to deal with a horrible situation ... [T]he only way things will change is if greyhound racing becomes a thing of the past." Most of the young dogs are killed when they don't show promise for a racing career, and those who do race are terminated when they no longer turn a profit.

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**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- Keep racing out of your state. Call PETA for help.
- If it's already going on, don't go to the track—except to demonstrate against dog racing.