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I was involved the greyhound industry for many years as a trainer and owner and I have had many greyhounds as pets. I have long left the business but have watched as the group GREY2K has lied and deceived people with extreme videos, which are not the norm. Yes, there was a few bad people in the business just like other businesses. Have you seen a racehorse destroyed or horses turned into dog food, or people drugging horses? It happens, but we are not passing a law to ban betting on horse racing, why, because just like dog racing that is not the norm.

Greyhounds are well cared for and love to run. If you were to spend a day in a race kennel you would find hard working people who love their dogs with a passion and care for them just the same. After GREY2K got Florida to pass the bill making greyhound racing illegal a reporter from Orlando spent a few days in a race kennel, after that time he stated that he had been deceived. These dogs are well cared for, he had wished he had known then what he knew now, before he voted.

Many years ago, one of my pet greyhounds broke his hock running on the beach. We got him fixed and he lived a great life. If I were to use GREY2K logic we would pass a bill against dogs running.

If the bill is passed it will affect a lot of hard-working people and many dogs that love to run and race. I ask that you do your homework first, before voting on this bill, do not vote on what GREY2K says or shows, it is not the norm!