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**Bill:** SB 404

**Position:** Opponent

**Presentation:** Oral In-Person Testimony

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**To:** Chairman Olson and members of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee

My name is Terry Humphrey, the lobbyist for Stray Dog Policy, I am here today to oppose SB 404. As a pet animal advocacy alliance, we do not take a position on gambling unless it incentivizes the return of greyhound racing.

We recognize and appreciate that SB 404 “decouples” greyhound racing from the Kansas Expanded Lottery Act so that live greyhound racing is no longer required for a racetrack facility to offer slots.

Nevertheless, we oppose SB 404 because it incentivizes the return of simulcast greyhound races by eliminating the live racing requirement, therefore making it easier to obtain a simulcast license. This expands exponentially the number of licenses that may be issued.

Greyhound racing has been rejected by your constituents because it’s inhumane and does not align with Kansas’ values. It’s also inconsistent with Kansas’ efforts to be a leader in animal health.

In closing, we oppose SB 404 as written. If the committee wishes to advance this bill, we respectfully request that you amend SB 404 to prohibit simulcast greyhound racing.