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Memorandum of Support for SB 22-167 (Sen. Ginal / Rep. Duran)
Removing the exemption for Greyhound breeders from the Pet Animal Care and Facilities Act

Best Friends Animal Society and our Colorado members, supporters, partners and staff are pleased to offer support for SB 22-167, which will remove the outdated exemption for Greyhound breeders from the Pet Animal Care Facilities Act (PACFA).

PACFA regulates Colorado dog breeders to ensure that the dogs in those facilities are treated humanely and receive appropriate care. Currently, there is an exemption in PACFA for “any kennel operated for the breeding or sale or racing of racing greyhounds that are not intended to be companion pets.” With Greyhound racing no longer legal in Colorado, there is no longer a need to exempt greyhounds from PACFA’s oversight and the state’s animal welfare standards.

SB 22-167 will remove the PACFA exemption for greyhound breeders and require that they comply with the same humane standards as all other breeders regulated by the state.

Best Friends and our Colorado members thank the legislature in advance for passage of SB 22-167. Please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything we can do to help realize this important effort.

Respectfully,

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