

Testimony by Crystal Swann Blackdeer March 22, 2022

**Neutral to HB 2740 as submitted**

Representative Barker and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to speak with you today. My name is Crystal Swann Blackdeer. I serve as Executive Director of the Leavenworth County Humane Society (first started in 1885) in Lansing.

I also serve on the Governor's Pet Animal Advisory Board, under the Department of Agriculture, as the shelter/rescue representative. It has been the collective position of pet animal shelters and rescues over the years that greyhound racing should not return to Kansas.

The rescues and shelters below have agreed to the following stated position:

We stand neutral on HB 2740, ***providing no greyhound racing provisions, incentive or simulcast for greyhound racing are amended into the bill.*** We do not have any position on sports wagering.

Thank you for your consideration. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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City of Arma Animal Control  
SEK Humane Society – Pittsburg  
Pittsburg Animal Control - Pittsburg  
Allen Co Animal Rescue Foundation – LaHarpe  
T Russell Reitz – Manhattan  
Kendra Anthony – Bonner Springs ACO  
Beauties and Beasts – Wichita  
PALs Rescue – Wichita  
Wichita Animal Action League  
Nika Orebaugh – Sg. Co ACO, KACA Board  
Kansas Animal Control Association (KACA)  
Pawnee Co Humane Society – Larned  
Freeman Arabian Ranch & Rescue – Meriden  
Proud Animal Lovers Humane Society – Parsons  
Keller K9 Rescue – Quinter  
Atchison Humane Society  
Shanti Leiker – Sg Co Animal Control Adv Board  
Humane Society of the High Plains – Hays  
Hope in the Valley – Valley Center  
Wellington Humane Society

Great Plains SPCA - Merriam  
Brown Co Humane Society - Hiawatha  
KC REGAP – Greyhound Rescue - KC  
Animals With Our Love (AWOL) - Independence  
Leavenworth County Humane Society - Lansing  
Hutchinson Animal Shelter  
Friends of Emporia Shelter  
Emporia Animal Shelter  
Humane Society of the Flint Hills - Emporia  
Companion Animal Protection Society - Wichita  
Humane Society of the High Plains - Hays  
Helping Hands Humane Society – Topeka  
Cowley Co Humane Society – Winfield  
Heart of Jackson Humane Society – Holton  
Lee's Paws & Claws Animal Shelter – Ft. Scott  
Brandon Sokol – City of Manhattan ACO  
Clay Co Animal Rescue & Ed Ctr – Clay Center  
Prairie Paws Animal Shelter – Ottawa  
Kingman Co Humane Society – Kingman  
Western Plains Animal Rescue - Hays