



*texas greyhound association*

February 28, 2019

Dear TGA Members,

RE: Breeders Awards

Last June the board and I put in for a rule change with the TxRC for the breeders awards to pay Texas bred dogs. The placements to be paid were first, second, third and fourth in any given race. It should have been changed for this meet but due to the TxRC not telling us about a particular form for such a change it could not get approved until the next meet at the end of 2019.

Previously the awards were only paid to the first-place dog. The rule was changed for Valley to first, second, third and fourth placements, which worked well because all the participants were Texas bred dogs. The board never intended the awards should be paid to the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth placements. The board never dreamed those additional placements were ever to be paid as no other racing venue reward past the fourth placement. We feel it is our job to promote quality breeding and raising of greyhounds in Texas, we do not believe these additional awards support this. The additional payments were noticed last year when Gulf made the decision to have out of state dogs participate in the meet.

The board and I would like the members to let us know if any object to our proposed rule change so please email or call the TGA office as soon as possible and let us know if you would support paying as other tracks pay to only the top four placements.

Most of the Greyhound Benevolent Group of Gulf kennel contractors do not raise dogs and are trying to meet the track requirements of 40% Texas bred with non-competitive greyhounds earning money with last-place finishes.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Sincerely,

David R. Peck  
President

Board of Directors