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Re: Petition for Public Records Disclosure:
Oregon Racing Commission

Dear Ms. Troolin:

On September 11, 2008, the Attorney General received your letter seeking "help in obtaining public information from the Oregon Racing Commission." In light of your preceding requests of the Oregon Racing Commission ("Commission") pertaining to the disposition of state funds intended for greyhound welfare, we have determined that your letter should be treated as a petition for an order compelling the Commission to disclose public records under the Oregon Public Records Law, ORS 192.410 to 192.505. This letter is the Attorney General's Order with respect to that petition. For the reason that follows, your petition is respectfully denied.

The Public Records Law confers a right to inspect any public records of a public body in Oregon, subject to certain exemptions and limitations. *See* ORS 192.420. If a state agency denies a request for disclosure of records, the requestor may petition the Attorney General for review of the denial. However, the Attorney may not order a state agency to disclose records the agency has disclosed. *See* ORS 192.450(1). And, as the ATTORNEY GENERAL'S PUBLIC RECORDS MANUAL (2008) explains at page 6, the Public Records Law "does not require public bodies to explain or to answer questions or provide legal research or analysis on [or] about their public records."

The Commission has informed us that it responded to your correspondence in a letter dated September 12, 2008, enclosing all of the public records responsive to your queries.

Because the Commission has provided you with all the records responsive to your request, we respectfully deny your petition as moot.

Sincerely,

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