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DATE: September 12, 2018

TO: Board of Directors, Greyhound Friends, INC.
Elizabeth S. Reinhardt, Esq.

FROM: Connor B. Degan, Hopkinton Town Clerk

RE: Greyhound Friends, INC. Kennel Application and Inspection Report

Dear Members of the Board of Directors:

This office has received your application for a new kennel license within the Town of Hopkinton for Greyhound Friends, INC. (GFI), dated June 7th, 2018, along with a request to take no further action until the Board of Selectmen could hold a hearing regarding the license. On August 1st, 2018, Elizabeth S. Reinhardt, Attorney for GFI, requested that we allow the inspection to be completed and defer all further action until the Board of Selectmen could complete their public hearing, which was held on September 11th, 2018. This request was honored, and the inspection was conducted on September 8th, 2018 by the designee of the Town's Animal Control Officer, Lt. Joseph Bennett of the Hopkinton Police Department (HPD) with the subsequent inspection report being completed on September 11th, 2018 and presented to the Board of Selectmen at its hearing on the same date.

The inspection report was then delivered to this office by the HPD on September 12th, 2018 for review, in accordance with Hopkinton General Bylaws §62-7.C.E. This office therefore has authority to take action on this report as detailed in Hopkinton General Bylaws §62-7. The report detailed issues and concerns with sanitary conditions at the facility, as well as with records required to be kept by the organization. The full report is included with this letter for your review of the specific compliance issues observed during the inspection. Lt. Bennett concluded that the facility was not in compliance with the Town's current standards, and he did not approve issuance of a kennel license to GFI.

A letter was received from Elizabeth S. Reinhardt requesting that further action be temporarily suspended for this application. However, in my view, the public interest is better served by completing action on this application as detailed in §62-7.C. In accordance with Hopkinton General Bylaws §62-7, therefore, the kennel license application is denied.

Under Hopkinton General Bylaws §62-7.G.A, "the applicant may request reinspection of the kennel after reasonably demonstrating to the Animal Control Officer that the proposed kennel has been brought into compliance with the requirements of this section and the applicable statutes." No required waiting period is prescribed. If the reinspection finds compliance with §62-7 and the applicable statutes, then, as outlined in §62-7.C, the license can be issued.

Please let us know if you have any further questions with regard to this process.

Sincerely,

Connor B. Degan
Hopkinton Town Clerk