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## BUDGET UNIT BRIEF – FY 2026

Fiscal Services Division

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## Native Horse and Dog Program — Unclaimed Winnings

### Purpose and History

The Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (DALs) receives a portion of unclaimed gambling winnings to administer the Iowa Horse and Dog Breeding Program. The Horse and Dog Breeding Program provides registration and inspection of horses and dogs that are bred in Iowa for racing purposes. This includes the Horse Breeders Program and the Greyhound Breeders Program.

The Horse Breeders Program is responsible for inspecting all racing quarter horses, standardbreds, and thoroughbreds foaling in the State. Inspectors verify the residency of Iowa-foaled racehorses and register all animals that qualify. The Greyhound Breeders Program is responsible for inspecting all Iowa greyhound kennels to confirm they comply with Iowa Code requirements. Inspectors also verify the residency of Iowa-whelped dogs and register all animals that qualify.

Unclaimed winnings result when a person makes a racing wager and wins but does not collect the winnings. If this money is not collected within 60 days of the horse or dog racing wager, the money is considered forfeited, and a portion is appropriated to the DALs for administration of the Iowa Horse and Dog Breeding Program.

### Funding History

For the past 10 years, the annual appropriation has been \$306,000.

### Related Statutes and Administrative Rules

Iowa Code sections [99D.13](#) and [99D.22](#)

Iowa Administrative Code [21—62](#)

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### More Information

Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship Horse and Dog Breeding Program:

[iowaagriculture.gov/HorseAndDogBreeding.asp](http://iowaagriculture.gov/HorseAndDogBreeding.asp)

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