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**From:** Alex Ottaway  
**Sent:** Monday, 20 January 2014 3:53 PM  
**To:** greyhoundracing  
**Subject:** RE: Inquiry into greyhound racing in NSW - Public hearing - 15 November 2013

Dear Helen

Many thanks for your email. Dr Jon Berkowitz (Director) and I will be the designated contacts for the Select Committee, going forward.

Please accept our sincerest apologies for not having responded to the Committee's questions by 13 December 2013 as requested. We only recently became aware of the Committee's request for information.

As we understand it, the Committee has asked two questions:

- 1 What is the number of dogs (beyond just greyhounds) that are euthanised in New South Wales per year (pages 61 and 62, attached)? Our answer is: in 2010/2011, the number was 21,670 (source: Companion Animals Taskforce, Discussion Paper, May 2012, page 58: <http://www.dlg.nsw.gov.au/dlg/dlghome/documents/Information/Companion%20Animals%20Taskforce%20Discussion%20Paper%20May%202012.pdf>). The statistics for more recent years are not available to us. However, we understand that the Division of Local Government (**DLG**) collects data on euthanasia rates, and may be able to provide data for more recent years. Please contact Glen Colley of the DLG (4428 4183; [glen.colley@dlg.nsw.gov.au](mailto:glen.colley@dlg.nsw.gov.au)) for further information.
- 2 What is the statistical break-up of animals euthanised by the Animal Welfare League NSW (**AWL NSW**), by reason for euthanasia (page 68, attached)? Our answer appears below.

If we can be of further assistance to the Committee at all, please contact us.

Kind regards

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### 2013 calendar year

Number of all dogs euthanised: 71  
Number of greyhounds euthanised: 1 (1.4%)  
Reasons for euthanasia (all dogs):  
    Aggressive behaviour: 32 (45.1%)  
    Medical conditions: 26 (36.6%)  
    High reactivity to animals/dogs: 7 (9.9%)  
    Anxious behaviour: 5 (7.0%)  
    Uncontrollable behaviour: 1 (1.4%)  
Reasons for euthanasia (greyhounds only):  
    Highly reactive to animals: 1 (100%)

### 2010–2013

Number of greyhounds euthanised: 10

Reasons for euthanasia:

High reactivity to animals/dogs:	4 (40%)
Aggressive behaviour:	2 (20%)
Medical conditions:	2 (20%)
Insufficient capacity in our shelters (2008):	1 (10%)

**Death in foster care**

We have on record an unassisted death of a greyhound in April 2013. The greyhound had come into our shelters and was placed in foster care, after which the animal died.

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