

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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From: Caitlin Foulis
To: greyhoundracing
Subject: We have to be their voice.

Dear Director,

Greyhounds, let alone any animal, don't have the ability to help themselves avoid a harsh life of cruelty and misery. We have to be their voice.

The fact that so many dogs are destroyed, and do not even make it to the track is appalling. Moreover the dogs that do make it to the track but are not fast enough who will be also put down. The lives that these dogs live is not humane. Living their lives in cages, being induced with drugs and racing for their lives every time they go out. They are not an object for your entertainment.

Greyhounds are the most incredible dogs that deserve a happy life, just like you or me. I understand the extent of the racing industry and that it may not necessarily be shut down but things do have to CHANGE. Breeding programs should be put in place to prevent excessive breeding. Also it should be compulsory that any animal who is no longer fit for racing must be rehomed or the trainer is liable. This concept is already being implemented in horse racing in the UK.

I have recently adopted a greyhound. I never expected her to be such an incredible dog. To think that if she had not been surrendered she would have been euthanised is absolutely heart breaking. She is just one of the very few though that is given a second chance. Everyone and everything has the right to a full and happy life. You are taking this right away from them. It's shameful.

Responsibility needs to be taken, and effective action needs to be taken.

Sincerely,

Caitlin Foulis