

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

As a veterinary science student, I am all too aware of the 'wastage' from the greyhound racing industry. In anatomy practical classes, our dissection specimens are greyhounds, much to the despair of students and staff alike. The faculty accepts to use them in order to, at the very least, give them a peaceful and quick ending, prior to which they will be taken care of properly in the hands of vets, as most are killed at the hands of amateurs.

However, this exposes us to the extremely alarming rate of 'disposal' of these animals as a by-product of this cruel industry. Greyhounds are extremely friendly and highly intelligent dogs, but instead of being appreciated and cared for, they are over-bred (at around 20,000 in Australia every year), drugged, pushed to their extreme and then killed at very young ages for no reason other than not being champions. These perfectly healthy, young dogs are sometimes rescued and rehomed, but it is such a tiny fraction. Most dogs are killed by amateurs (rather than humanely by vet surgeons), and this applies to upwards of 2000 dogs annually.

Please, please help stop the slaughter of thousands of phenomenal dogs by decreasing the rate of breeding and stricter monitoring of drugging and welfare. (Or just ban it all together preferably!)

Sincerely,

Hayley Hooper