

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Please consider the animal welfare implications of this "industry". How can it be possible when thousands of animals are euthanased through NSW (and all Australian) pounds per annum to allow animals to be bred for a known "life cycle" of 3 years? Not only is this cruel for these animals, but it adds to the burden on the pound system.

Dog racing, like horse racing needs to take accountability for what it does, and that should not include the animals that are revered when they are making money, being discarded when they no longer do so, nor the disproportionate breeding that allows for a gracious few to "make it" at such a massive cost to the others. Should I be grateful that unlike Spain these dogs aren't hung from trees when they are no longer useful? I don't think so - actually that visual is so shocking that it gets the general public agitated, which is what is needed.

This is an antiquated form of human amusement, like gladiatorial contests. If humans are really evolving then lets demonstrate that by not being deliberately and wilfully cruel and allowing this over breeding to continue in the name of sport. Sport should not involve the subjection of one creature to another's entertainment.

Government really needs to take a lead on these issues and provide safeguards and regulations to support animals and minimise abuses. Please close the loop: no animals sold in pet shops; close puppy mills; introduce a paid for dog registration programme; prosecute individuals that are known breeders without proper authorisation; increase sentences for animal abuse; close down the animal racing industries; don't sell live animals to overseas abbatoirs that would not meet Australian standards; introduce compassionate euthanasia standards across Australia; stop animals in circuses; don't allow zoos to breed in the name of "conservation" and then ship an animal to china because we have too many of them!

Most of all - LEAD, don't follow - that's what we elect politicians for.