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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

As a vet student I believe it is my obligation to inform you of the realities of the current state greyhound racing.

For the sake of the university in which I study and my loyalty towards them, I will not name them or myself. And ask you not to pursue their identity.

It is easy to forget the reality of the greyhound who did not compete this racing season. For most people, it is.

For me, walking into an anatomy lesson and seeing hundreds of donated cadavers (you'd be hard pressed to find a non-greyhound) literally piling up is a very real and constant reminder. To the university's credit, all cadavers are legally obtained and nothing is done wrong. But the fact there is a surplus of 'donated' dogs is very sad.

Humans have an obligation towards our canine friends, we literally created them. They are one of the most removed species from their 'natural' origins and this is because humans forced their evolution in a direction of companionship.

It is not crazy therefore to expect that we take responsibility for our creation, we do not allow others to exploit and destroy individuals for their financial gain.

If you look at many states in America, they have progressed much farther than us in their treatment of their racing dogs. Many states have banned it.

Why do we as proud Australians perpetuate such a crude and horrible 'sport'.

Despite the ethics, there is immediate welfare issues that are going unseen. Trainers need to be accountable for their action and the racing authorities need to stay on top of the sport in which they regulate. If they want to run it, then they must run it well, there is no other way to do business.

Until progress has been made, people including myself will stand against the injustices and continually fight for those who cannot fight for themselves.

Thank you for your time and I trust with all of the insight you will surely gain on this committee that you will make the right decision for the dogs, and what you truly believe is right according to your ethical bank.

Sincerely,