

**Submission  
No 1015**

## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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To The Director

### **Submission on the inquiry into Greyhound Racing in New South Wales**

Thank You for the opportunity to make a submission into this urgent matter. I live with three greyhounds. All are 'failures' of the racing industry. The majority of these animals quickly exhaust their chances of staying alive in their professional environment. They come with raw feet, painful injuries, and they are traumatised. Their ability to rehabilitate after a rigid and sometimes violent training regime or 'racing career' is a testimony to their sensitive, gentle and intelligent nature. Our dogs attract constant admiration and people are shocked to hear they were surrendered for termination. GRNSW standard practice.

We have fostered several greyhounds surrendered by trainers or vets who cared enough that one healthy dog wasn't 'wasted'. My experience does not support the claim by GRNSW that the welfare of the animals is a primary consideration. These animals are bred to outrageous excess, sold off as commodities by breeders motivated by profits and their unscrupulous pride. In our locality greyhounds can be euthanised half-price on Thursdays.

It's time to demonstrate that there is no place in any progressive, compassionate society to encourage the unacceptable notion that the exploitation of animals can be entertaining. These animals are brought out of their cages and thrashed around a track to service a gambling industry driven by profiteers. It's time to give these animals your help and respect and help Australia end this cruel spectacle. Please stop the exploitation by Greyhound Racing New South Wales.

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