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

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To Whom it may concern,

I am a person who knew nothing of the racing industry until I became a foster carer for a small greyhound adoption group. The public need to be made aware of what goes on in this industry. In my opinion from what I have seen the industry would not exist without government funding. It does not appear to be able to be a stand alone business. That to me does not make sense to prop up an industry with tax payers money. That most tax payers have nothing to do with. These figures need to be made public.

The numbers of dogs bred for the industry is appalling. The number of pups put down very young that don't even show up in the official numbers would make the body count a lot higher. There is no protection for these pups that would come from some of the biggest puppy mills in Australia. Dogs are put down for very minor injuries or no injuries at all. Just because they did not want to chase or were to slow. Some of these dogs have very lucrative careers and are still put down without a thought at the end. The numbers are appalling as we know them but if the industry was more accountable you would see that the numbers were higher. This is just not good enough the numbers need to be capped each year.

We have had dogs come through our program that are addicted to drugs and we have to get them through the withdrawals of that. Why if the trainers are caught with dogs testing positive are they not banned for life and why are they not investigated by the police. Where the heroin or cocaine came from in the first place.

The governing of the racing industry needs to go under an umbrella of an independent group that has the rights of these dogs as foremost. They are a living creature that deserves to have someone have a voice for them.

There needs to be more money from the industry go into the rehoming of these dogs and not their own rehoming program which is a front for the killing of these dogs.

I personally would like to see the whole industry shut down but that is not going to happen any time soon.

Something needs to be done I trust and hope this enquiry will have at least some outcomes that is for the good of the dogs because at the moment the greyhound racing industry is appalling.

Your sincerely,

Lynette Coxeter