

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I feel that many people have already highlighted their reasons as to why there should be tighter controls and even better a closure of all Greyhound tracks in Australia.

Having owned ex racing Greyhounds for many years I have seen the results of untreated injuries and drugs. I know the dark side of the racing industry where dogs are cast aside like trash because they fail to meet the speed trial criteria, beautiful dogs some barely a year old. We are not talking a few dogs we are talking thousands of healthy young dogs a year plus those who are retired through injury or just become too slow. Often ex champions who have earned money for their owners only to be callously killed, often in the most cruel way, BOLT GUNS that often do not kill the dog but leave it horribly injured, beaten to death, left tied to the railway track. Ears that have been cut off to hide the identity of the present owner, the dogs alive when this has been done. It is a vile trade where the public only sees the healthy dogs on the track but even here dogs are killed when they clash on the corners of badly designed courses. Dogs that have been electrocuted on the live 'hare' and broken backs and legs when they hit the barrier or are bowled over in the collisions. This trade in animals needs to be stopped, rescue centers are overflowing with dogs and more coming in daily, these are in a sense the 'lucky' ones as the earth is full of the bodies of thousands more. I could go on and on but I am sure I have made my point and that more of my views have already been expressed time and time again by others who wish to see an end to this trade in the most beautiful of dogs, gentle aristocratic animals whose only crime that has led to this exploitation of them, is their ability to run fast. Greys love to run and they are poetry in motion when they do BUT they should be running FREE! NOT FOR THEIR LIVES! Please close the tracks.

Sincerely