

**Submission
No 808**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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From: kellie hobbins
To: greyhoundracing
Subject: greyhound racing industry

Dear Director,

To the appropriate officer,

Whilst I believe there are people within the industry who operate ethically, I have, through owning a racing greyhound myself, witnessed the many litters of puppies bred every year, from here the attrition starts with a small minority making it to their first race, and even less to their 3rd birthday. They are constantly needled, blistered, gagged, and of my greatest concern is the lack of qualified veterinary treatment they receive. Their doctoring is done to save expense, with pharmaceuticals attained outside a veterinary relationship and the animals' welfare a poor second priority once its ability to run or breed is exhausted. I have known of procedures to be attended without anesthetics, and animals destroyed with injectable poisons, shot, and bludgeoned.

Whilst I am sure that this industry does not need to be ceased, I do believe that it needs much greater regulation and I thank you for your time and effort into this inquiry. My brief involvement in this industry resulted in our dog retiring to our home and becoming a well adjusted and happy family member, an ending all too rare amongst his peers.

Sincerely,

kellie hobbins