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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Every time a greyhound is raced it's life is at risk.

In 2012- 517 (updated) greyhounds either died at the track or broke bones. 90% of these greyhounds disappeared from the racing industry altogether. So broken bones generally equates with death. In 2013 from Jan - Sept- 339 greyhounds died at the track or broke their bones. 12 dogs collapsed and died on the track or the catching pen from cardiac arrest or lungs collapsing or an undetermined reason. These figures were collected by Greyhound Freedom and will be provided with their submission. It does not include about 1/3 of the tracks in Australia and not all states record all information. NSW and WA do not report deaths. SA do not report injuries. So the number of greyhounds killed and broken bones is definitely higher than this.