

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I would like make a submission on the cruel and unacceptable life of greyhounds in this country. Only a few of the estimated 20,000 Greyhound pups born each year make it to the track the rest are euthanized and this is just unacceptable and cruel to these gentle dogs in todays society. Even if these dogs make it to the race track their life span will be a mere 3 to 4 years as to the 12 to 16 year life span they would have naturally so they are still at a very young age to be losing their lives. This is cruel and unacceptable for any animal to endure.

As a young race dog they are put at significant risk of sustaining serious injuries such as broken legs, paralysis or head trauma during training and racing again this is unacceptable cruelty to animals.

Off the track most live a miserable life being kept in small pens only to be released to train or race some are even under fed to keep them at a lean racing weight.

The Australian Greyhound racing industry exports hundreds of Greyhounds to supply racing industries in other countries such as Macau - where the Canidrome racing track does not allow any dogs to be adopted so they will be killed after their racing days are over

I am opposed to Greyhound racing as it places financial considerations ahead of the life and welfare of these animals. Until Greyhound racing is banned these gentle dogs will continue to be confined in small pens to suffer injuries and to be euthanized sometimes in a cruel and unprofessional way.

If this industry is allowed to continue it is a MUST that all Greyhounds should be registered and micro chipped to enable the tracking and reduce cases of the cruel disposal of unwanted animals. I also oppose the export of these dogs as their welfare cannot be protected in importing countries.