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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

To whom it may concern,

I feel that it is about time we make changes to the way greyhounds are breed, kept and used for racing. I have first hand experience in the racing industry working as a kennel hand and was totally applauded at the conditions the dogs were housed in. We need better governing bodies to work with the industry in making compulsory standards and guidelines to improve the housing of these dogs.

The wastage issue is a massive problem from failed racing dogs to retired dogs. We need more public awareness on adoption of dogs, possible even a compulsory fee paid by the owner to ensure the dogs are given the best chance for re-homing. This fee could pay towards keep at adoption centres, veterinary treatment, etc.

I understand it is unlikely greyhound racing will stop but I think it needs to be better governed and regulated to ensure the welfare of dogs.

Sincerely,

Hayley Magrath