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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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Inquiry into Greyhound Racing,

To Whom It May Concern,

I'm against the greyhound racing industry, as I am sick of seeing greyhounds turn up at pounds and rescue groups as skin and bones because their trainer has stopped feeding them as they see the greyhound as a waste of money as they're getting rid of them. I have meet puppies that were going to be drowned by the trainer as the mum was not meant to be pregnant. These puppies had to be hand raised from the age of two weeks by foster carers. I have adopted a greyhound who raced in two races and then ended up in a rescue group at the age of three. She has no hair on her flank from being in a small cage, she is timid,shakes when in new situations. I have had her for over twelve months and she is only just starting to gain confidence. I have also met a vet nurse who routinely saves greyhounds from her vet surgery that have been brought in be euthanized as they are failed racers, but she can't save them all and sadly this doesn't happen in just one vet. GAP states that they rehome majority of their failed racers, but if this was the case why is there so many greyhound rescue groups in Australia, that are always full to overflowing. I believe that greyhound racing needs to regulated and the trainers made responsible for appropriate care of their dogs.