

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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There needs to be better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds. The current wastage of greyhounds is excessive and unnecessary when so many dogs are euthanased.

Financial incentives need to be introduced to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year. And there needs to also be more control of how these dogs are euthanased.

There should also be tighter legislation to stop 'doping' of dogs. This is cruel to the dogs and unfair to trainers who are doing the right thing.

Concerns about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.

The need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found. There should be more transparency and more willingness to prosecute trainers who are not treating their animals in a humane way.

The inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates, needs to be properly investigated and an independent office created to follow up.

The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws needs to stop.

Overall there needs to be less wastage of greyhounds through more control over breeding; more prosecution for either doping or cruelty; an independent body to make sure that animals that cannot be rehoused are euthanased in a humane way and not sent overseas to an unknown fate.