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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I have adopted a greyhound that was from Sandown in Melbourne. She was about to be put down that morning. A healthy 2 yr old.. her mother had 38 litters which is just unbelievable. Yet, over breeding is a common practice here. Jessie.. who I adopted was not fed well, was thin and had an injury.. but this is nothing to things I have seen which makes me very disappointed with Australians, as we are supposed to be 'civilised' but all for money. Maybe, financial incentives could be offered to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year. there are several allegations of doping and cruel treatment. What has happened to human beings?

There are several 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.
- 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..
- The ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws.

Sure, It happens with horses etc etc, but does that make it right.. and another example of ethics vs money.. is Australia no better?

