

**Submission
No 858**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I grew up in central west NSW raising, breeding and training racing greyhounds. Our dogs were kept in kennels about 1.5 x 2m x 4m and were let out twice a day for a 5 minute run in a yard with the other greyhounds. They seemed happy enough. But it is the harsh reality of the industry that if they do not run fast enough during trials, they are shot at the track or taken to a friend or colleague or acquaintance who will do it for you. If they are injured (a broken hock is the most common injury) they are shot at the track. Furthermore, to increase the dog's desire to "chase" they are often given a "kill". This involves tying a live chicken or small animal to a revolving arm and the dog is taunted with it, trying to increase the greyhound's instinct to chase anything that is revolving or put in front of it, making sound and travelling at a sporting speed. It is a horrible, disposable industry and it breaks my heart to think of how many naive people take part in the reproduction or training of these beautiful natured animals without even a glance as to what happens behind the scenes. I am forever haunted by what I've seen and I can't count on both of my hands the beautiful friends I've lost over my childhood and teen years simply because they couldn't run 300m around a circle of grass chasing a stuffed, squealing animal in under 18 seconds.

Sincerely,

Danielle Rogers