Submission No 929

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

I am the owner of two greyhounds (aged 3 years old) who I adopted in order to prevent them from being put down.

Given the lovely nature of these beautiful creatures, it is extremely saddening to know that so many greyhounds are put to death (regardless of the method) on a yearly basis.

If you are to allow greyhound racing to continue, you must place the onus on breeders/trainers/syndicates to ensure that every dog has a home at the end of their racing career; irrespective of whether that racing career involves them making it to the start line or not.

It is irresponsible to breed so many animals and then put them down when they are no longer convenient or of use. It is inhumane, and frankly shocking, the methods by which some of these animals are put down.

Greyhounds are lovely, good-natured, defencless creatures who deserve to be protected by the law.

Sincerely,

Anthony Courtney