

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am against greyhound racing for many reasons.

Firstly it does not seem to be regulated and the trainers and owners seem to be a law unto their own.

I know there are laws in place however they do not seem to be followed by the majority.

There is a mentality that if you breed enough of them, you are bound to get a winner, however there are no incentives for owners or trainers to find homes for the 'excess' dogs this creates. As well as the fact that perfectly healthy dogs that do not have a strong chasing drive, or do not run fast enough, are killed, if they injure themselves they suffer the same fate. Too many are dying in the catching pen after a race. This would not happen if anyone had their health and welfare at heart rather than just profit.

The owners/trainers that have been caught giving banned drugs to dogs is just the tip of the iceberg!

I have two rescue, ex racing greyhounds who were lucky enough to be allowed to be rehomed and the trainer seemed to care, however my dogs still spent the first 2 years of their lives living in a sandy 'run' with no relief from the heat in summer or the cold in winter and no bedding, so even the best are not up to scratch.

Please do not allow this to continue.