

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Please stop greyhound racing. Greyhounds don't deserve the early deaths (by age 4-5) they are experiencing because they become of no use to the industry and their owners. The industry even recommends members euthanize their dogs, which are not adopted in NSW - (Tony O'Mara Growth & Sustainability GRNSW) and only 5% are ever adopted.

"It is the preferred option that greyhounds be adopted or humanely euthanized by a Veterinary Surgeon. It is not appropriate for greyhounds to be handed in to Council pounds."

We rescue from pounds are vets where greyhounds are due to be euthanized. We foster them and teach them about life as a dog, which most are not familiar with as they are bald on their backsides from long periods spent on cement floors in kennels. We help them until they are adopted. But there are just too many being puppy farmed for the relatively small population of Australia to pick up the slack from the industry.

20,000+ per year. More than any other breed. It's not acceptable to keep breeding and then killing in order to repeat the cycle. It's unethical and cruel.
Please help greyhounds become a pet again, instead of a profit.

Thank you,

Tara Caton

<http://www.thedogs.com.au/Uploads/Userfiles/Minutes%20071210.pdf>