

**Submission
No 144**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

Name: Ms Jenna Kinzie

Date received: 17/10/2013

Greyhounds Are Not Machines, But Living Beings

Greyhound racing should be banned. These animals have feelings and should not be treated as objects. Greyhounds are used until they are "useless" or just not quite as fast as they used to be and are simply disposed of. Sadly, the death of a greyhound is probably the most peaceful moment of the neglected dog's life. The life of a race hound consists of being handled roughly and with neglect. They are not given proper medical treatment or attention if needed and are stuck in tiny, dirty cages comparable to gruesome "puppy-mills" - on a daily basis. The injuries sustained by these loving, feeling, sweet, quirky animals are beyond obscene and maddening. Please take a look at a few photos of neglected and injured greyhounds and tell me that nothing is wrong. Of course something is wrong! We cannot overlook or ignore this issue. I adopted an ex-race greyhound two months ago and it is saddening to see not only the physical damage that the "sport" (it is NOT a sport) causes these beings, but also their mental "damage." It is obvious that the neglect goes far, far beyond the insufficient living quarters and lack of medical attention. Please, consider the tragedy at hand, think of your own canine companion, and help to give these huggable hounds a voice by ending this dog-abusing, dog-killing industry!