

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am horrified to hear that dogs are being drugged to race faster with cocaine, caffeine, anabolic steroids... even Viagra. And up to 40% of greyhounds bred never even make it onto the track, with 17,000 of these naturally gentle and affectionate dogs discarded and killed by the industry each year. Many are shot or bludgeoned to death — meaning that the dogs who are euthanased by lethal injection are the 'lucky' ones.

I have concerns about the welfare of animals in the industry and the conflict of interest represented by Greyhound Racing NSW's role in establishing and enforcing standards for the treatment of animals in the industry.

There is a need for prosecution where animal cruelty is found.

There seems to be an inadequacy and questionable integrity of data collection in the industry: including the number of pups born, the number of dogs euthanased and injury rates.

I am also concerned regarding the ongoing export of greyhounds to countries where there are no effective animal cruelty laws.

There is a need for better management of the sale and over-breeding of greyhounds.

There also is a need for measures, such as financial incentives, to reduce the high numbers of greyhounds euthanased each year.

Please help to be more humane as it is differently needed here.