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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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As an American who is concerned about the inhumane treatment of greyhounds in the greyhound racing industry in the U.S., I'm writing because I'm concerned over the plight of greyhounds in Australia as well.

In Australia, it has been estimated that 17,000 greyhounds are killed each year. In NSW alone, over 3,000 greyhounds are put down each year because they are "too slow", have been injured racing or training, or have reached the end of their racing career. Yet, only 300 dogs have been re-homed since 2009 under Greyhound Racing NSW's 'Greyhounds As Pets' program.

Injuries and illnesses suffered by dogs in the greyhound racing industry include broken legs, paralysis, head trauma, and cardiac arrests from over-exertion. There are also allegations that dogs are being given performance enhancing drugs. Across Australia, positive drug swabs rose 82% in one year, from Nov. 2010 to Dec. 2011.

Australia is also the main provider of greyhounds for racing to the Macau greyhound racing industry, which is infamous for its mistreatment of greyhounds.

It is my hope that the select committee investigating the ill-governed greyhound racing in Australia will offer solutions that will benefit the plight of the greyhounds.