

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am appalled to find out how Greyhounds are being treated within Australia and the GRNSW organization. These actions, or rather inactions, are disgusting and need to be stopped immediately! The entire system is corrupt and we need to take action. If the industry cannot exist without animal cruelty, which seems to be the case, then the industry should not exist! Throughout my research of this organization I have found the following information which has led me to strongly oppose Greyhound Racing:

- There is a very high "wastage" rate. GRNSW estimates 3,000 euthanizations a year which the RSPCA takes as a minimum.

- "80 % of trainers are looking for something to dope their dogs." A common practice is giving the dogs cocaine before they race.

- Sydney trainer Christos Arletos has been racing greyhounds for 25 years and says there "never was, and never will be" a level playing field.

- Insufficient penalties are being awarded to those who breach animal welfare regulations.

- There is corruption coming from Veterinarians and lab technicians who are supposed to be looking out for the animals but are instead being bribed and supplying drugs, or lying about drug test results etc.

- Many reports of inhumane killings, often to healthy dogs. Puppies who are considered not worthy are often drowned. Some dogs take a hammer to the head.

- High reports of injuries during racing. Often fatal.

- There is a huge problem of overbreeding in order to find a winning dog which is resulting in many innocent dogs being destroyed or abandoned.

I received most of my information from the following article : <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2013-10-15/greyhound-racing-industry-hit-by-doping-cruelty-allegations/5024714>

This organization is extremely twisted and corrupt. We cannot continue to allow them to be selfish, greedy barbarians who have no respect for the life of an animal, and will cheat and lie for the sake of their pocketbooks. Please listen to these pleas, understand what a horrible, unethical, and fraudulent organization this is and take action against them. Shut down Greyhound Racing in NSW.