

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am putting a submission in to help improve the welfare of greyhounds in the racing industry in Australia -

Thousands upon thousands of these dogs are euthanased each year. It is a senseless waste they are euthanized after being injured , for being too slow, for not making the grade, they won't chase, for reaching the end of their 'careers' as they are just another mouth to feed, or they are just considered surplus to demand.

Greyhounds are the only dog that goes to the vet perfectly healthy only to be euthanased. When you look up the word euthanize , euthanise , euthanaze or euthanase in the dictionary it says

“to kill (a person or animal) painlessly, esp to relieve suffering from an incurable illness”

Tragically, accounts of greyhounds being killed inhumanely are widely reported many of the dogs that end up in rehoming programs have been the victims of abuse and neglect . There is a lot of allegation of animal cruelty, corruption and illegal drug use as reported on 7.30 ABC Report.

No other breed of dog in Australia is so over bred as is the greyhound.

The number of greyhounds killed by the racing industry is shocking and unacceptable.

Between 2003 and 2011 80,133 greyhounds were born in NSW, it is reported 2552 were rehomed through adoption, 6150 registered for racing what happened to the other 73,731 dogs?

These figures do not include accidental mating's or puppies discarded for other reasons. By 2011 there were only 2552 greyhounds registered as companion greyhounds at councils and 6150 greyhounds registered as racing greyhounds. This means that 71431 greyhounds simply vanished.

GRNSW rehomed only 300 greyhounds since 2009.

This does not include the accidentally bred dogs that are not registered.

We do not support Greyhound racing it is a dog killing industry.

We disagree with greyhounds being bred to race and be killed.

Ban the killing of healthy greyhounds

Ban export of greyhounds to countries with inadequate welfare regulations

Ban the use of ex-greyhounds in research or for use in veterinary schools.

The reporting of welfare and cruelty issues should be mandatory to an independent body. All death, injury, breeding statistics must be available to the public and this independent welfare body.

We believe there should be a separate and independent body to oversee and investigate animal welfare issues.