

**Submission
No 208**

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I am so pleased to hear about this submission and I would urge you to see that greyhounds should have the same rights as any other dog but instead they are treated like a piece of property that has no feelings or senses. I was shocked numb to find the number of dogs that die on the track or immediately after. I can assure you that if that many horses died or where euthansed on the track there would be an outcry so great the horse racing industry would take years to recover so why is it acceptable for greyhounds. Unwanted animals should be offered to rescue groups for homing not murdered on the property and left unburied to rot. The puppies are killed if they do not show enough enthusiam for chasing and racing and then when they are finished with them (if they did not die somewhere in the process) they are then put down if they cannot learn to stop chasing. I do not begrudge people the races but the casualties are too high. More care, much more care needs to be taken with the welfare of all the dogs champion or otherwise

Regards

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