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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I adopted my greyhound, 'Tubby' from a Victorian rescue group earlier this year (2013). From the moment we met him, it was clear to us that he was carrying many emotional scars; he had a deep seeded fear of men, large objects loud noise and being alone for long periods of time. His anxiety, along with his physical state when he was handed over to us made it clear that he was not treated well during his racing days.

After we adopted Tubby we decided to foster another female greyhound. I picked her up from the greyhound kennels/ puppy farm in _____, Melbourne. I was appalled at the state that the dogs were living in; no shelter, tiny pens/ cages and many of them appeared thin and sickly.

It's a sad truth that until greyhound racing is banned, thousands of greyhounds just like my boy will continue to be mass bred, exploited and discarded once no longer profitable. Terrible things happen to these beautiful dogs.

Please find attached two photos of my rescue greyhound- the first is a photo of him on the day he was surrendered to the rescue organisation by his trainer, when he was apparently "loved by the racing industry" (he was scared, underweight and full of fleas and worms).

The second was taken about 6 months after we adopted him- you can see the obvious change that a loving home made (although it took a lot of time and patience).

Kind Regards,

