

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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There needs to be a government department responsible for the welfare of greyhounds.

The number of greyhounds killed by the racing industry is shocking and unacceptable. 80 133 greyhounds born between 2003 - 2011. This figure does not include accidental matings or puppies discarded for other reasons. By 2011 there were only 2 552 greyhounds registered as companion greyhounds at councils and 6 150 greyhounds registered as racing greyhounds. This means that 71 431 greyhounds simply vanished.

Every time a greyhound is raced it's life is at risk.

In 2012- 510 greyhounds either died at the track or broke bones. 90% of these greyhounds disappeared from the racing industry altogether. So broken bones generally equates with death. In 2013 from Jan - Sept- 339 greyhounds died at the track or broke their bones. 12 dogs collapsed and died on the track or the catching pen from cardiac arrest or lungs collapsing or an undetermined reason. These figures were collected by Greyhound Freedom and will be provided with their submission. It does not include about 1/3 of the tracks in Australia and not all states record all information. NSW and WA do not report deaths. SA do not report injuries. So the number of greyhounds killed and broken bones is definitely higher than this.

THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE.

Please, do something for the welfare of these beautiful creatures, it is up to us as humans to take responsibility for those who do not have voices and who we use for our entertainment.  
Thank you