

## INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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## SUBMISSION

My submission is based on animal welfare and the issues are highlighted below.

Having been heavily involved in greyhound rescue for nearly 5 years I have witnessed the cruelty and mass wastage "first hand" within the greyhound racing industry. Please note that I have no vested interest in the industry whatsoever.

I have chosen this vocation because I am horrified by what is happening to the greyhounds within an industry that has no empathy for the dogs themselves. Having opened my home and dedicated all of my time and energy as a volunteer to help save as many of these animals as I can, I now find myself the vice-president of a greyhound rescue and adoption group. This position has forced me to see and experience things that I would rather not see and experience. As a result, I have come to believe that the government is supporting an industry that is based only on seeing the economic financial benefit without acknowledging the extent of the suffering and exploitation of the victims, who are the dogs. Furthermore I believe that strict independent regulation is desperately needed to stop the exploitation and cruelty of these gentle companion animals.

In this submission I present to you mainly anecdotal evidence based on my intimate experience as a greyhound rescuer. Please note that my submission includes screen shots from greyhound data which is public information as stated in their disclaimer .

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- MASS WASTAGE AND OVERBREEDING

There is no control over how many dogs there are, if they are alive or dead, and how many pups are being born prior to registration,

Where are all the dogs that do not make it to the race track?

There is no direct follow up on every single dog born to ensure their safety and welfare.

There is no actual breeding license required (other than the industry based registration) to breed greyhounds, unlike other breeds of dog,

There is no actual regulation or limitation on the number of dogs one person or property can breed each year,

There is no actual regulation or limitation on how many litters one brood bitch can have through the course of her lifetime,

With so much blatant wastage there are still industry incentives and subsidies to encourage the breeding of more greyhounds.

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- “ACCIDENTAL MATINGS” AND UNREGISTERED LITTERS

Where is the data for the dogs born from accidental matings and how does the industry account for these unregistered dogs?

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## NUMBER KILLED

Greyhound racing NSW CEO Brent Hogan was recently quoted stating that he estimates that 3,000 greyhounds are killed each year in NSW alone. Please see the following link:

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2012-11-09/greyhound-racing-euthanasia-rates-slammed/4362442>

The number of dogs killed, or “wastage” as the industry calls it, needs to be made public rather than being quietly self-regulated. There is so much blatant death and suffering involved in this industry. As a rescuer, I know how very few dogs are rehomed as pets each year. I also know of vet clinics across Australia that are routinely killing thousands of young healthy greyhounds with their only crime being that they are not suitable for racing. It is also my opinion that a regulation is put in place that states that the number of dogs bred should match the number of greyhounds that can be realistically rehomed as pets. I would estimate optimistically that this number would be around 2,000 - 3,000 dogs per year across Australia.

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- DRUGS AND STEROIDS

Please click on the link below to see the disturbing number of positive swabs:

<http://www.australianracinggreyhound.com/index.php?s=positive+swab>

In my opinion this is one of the highest forms of animal abuse by forcibly injecting or having an innocent dog ingest illegal drugs and steroids.

There is no consideration of the effects of the drugs on the dogs. There is currently no regulation or requirement to remove the dog from the drug abusers care or ownership.

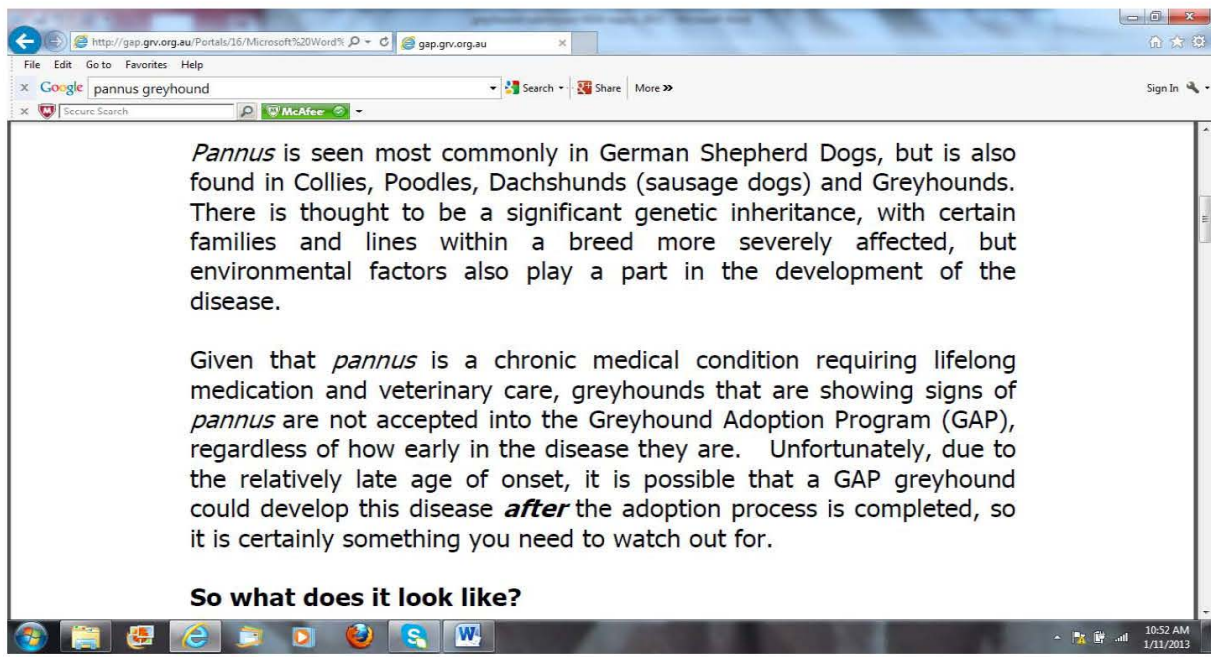
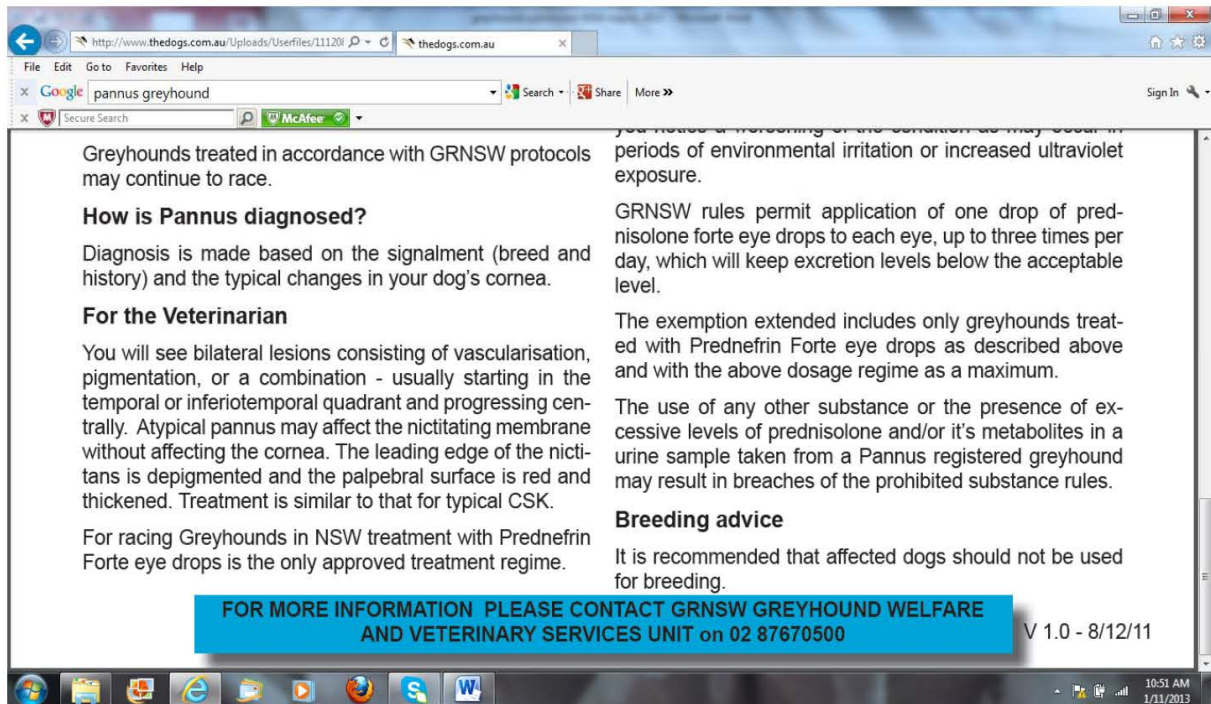
There is no adequate drug rehabilitation and care for the drug abused greyhound and in my experience this is needed because I have personally cared long term for a drug abused greyhound – the suffering is very difficult to witness.

In regards to steroids, I have personally witnessed very obvious signs of steroids (particularly in females) who are exceptionally large and “Butchy” for their frame and I have first hand witnessed many of these female with incontinence issues. Many trainers have openly told me that they constantly use testosterone on the females to stop them coming into season.

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- PANNUS – There is no regulation against breeding dogs that have Pannus however these dogs are not accepted into the industry GAP program (please see second screen shot below) so what happens to them? The Industry recommends that dogs with Pannus are not used for breeding (please see first screen shot below) however it is actually not prohibited.



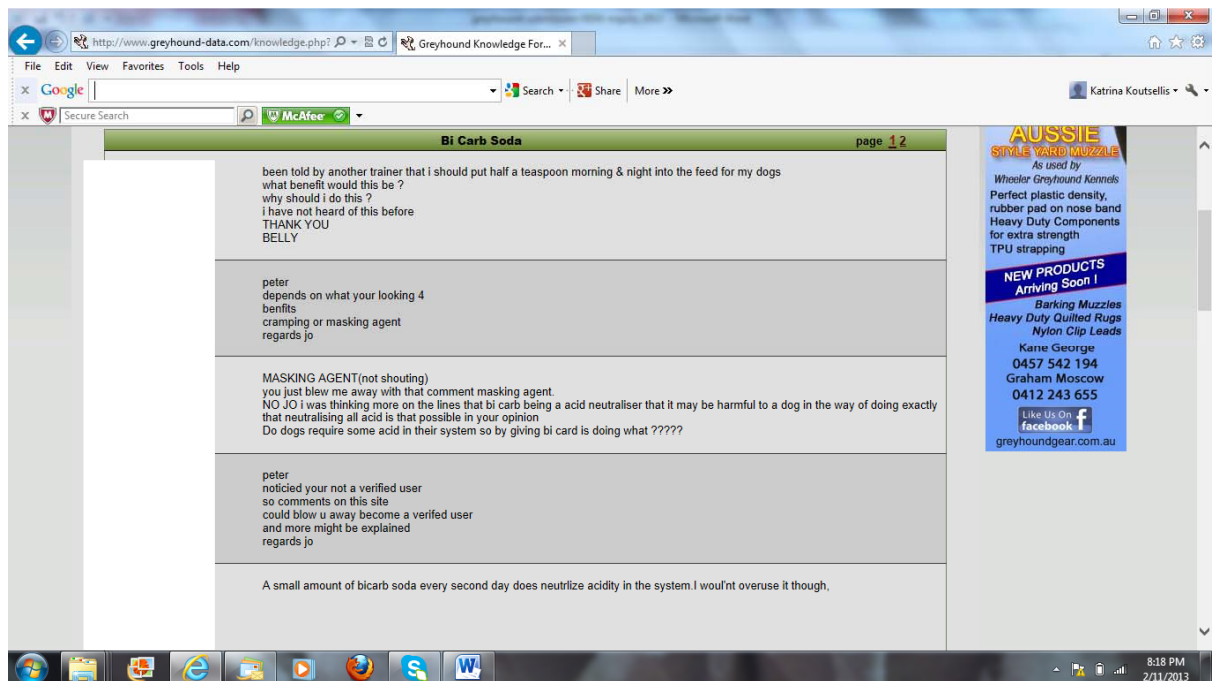
- INJURIES (on and off the track)

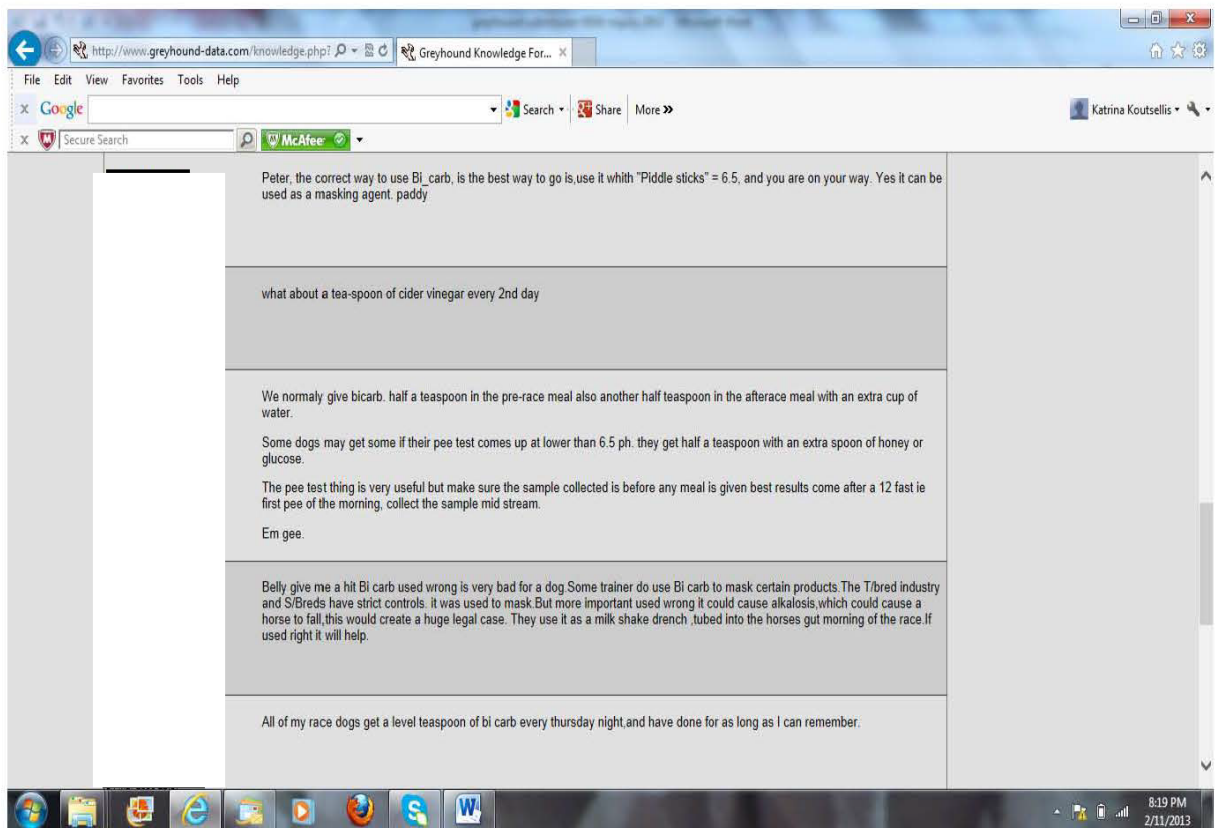
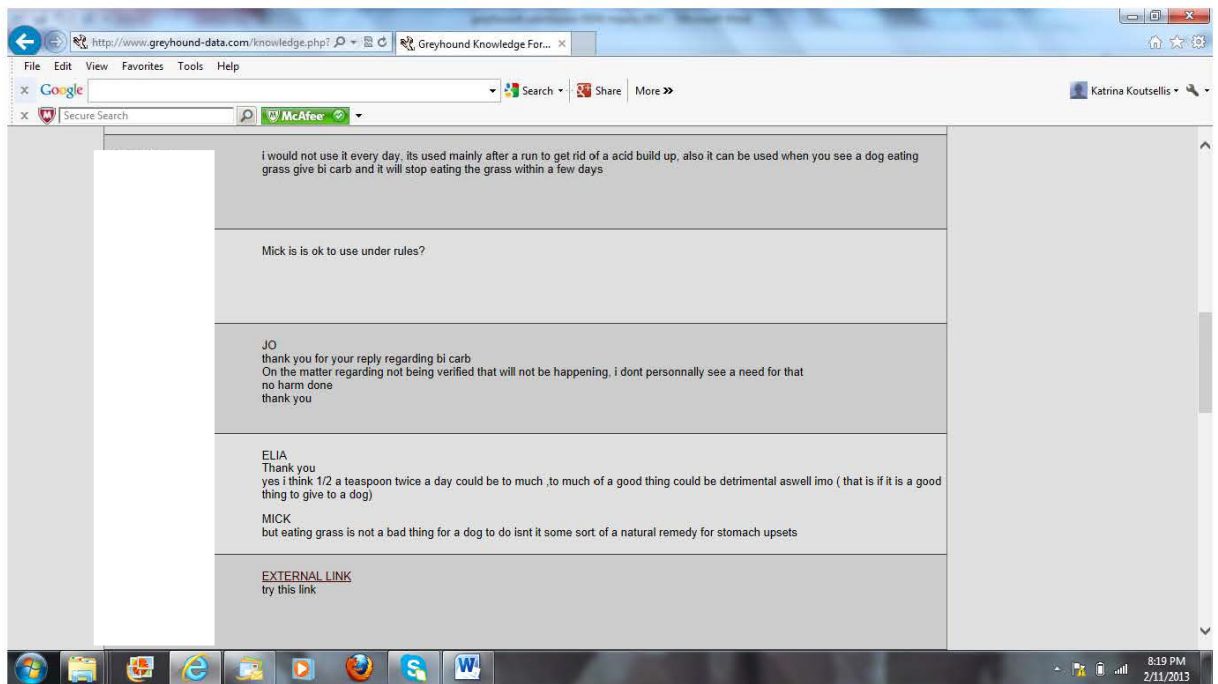
Cardiac arrest, broken bones, snapped necks, torn ligaments and muscles, are just some of the many injuries inflicted on greyhounds from them racing. Other breeds of dogs are not subjected to this torture.

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- THE PREVALENCE OF ACIDOCIS

This needs to be investigated and the home made treatments to prevent it, which cause long term health issues to the digestive system. The use of bicarbonate of soda as an acid neutraliser and a “masking agent” to other drugs needs to also be investigated. Please see the below screenshots.





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### Bi Carb Soda page 1 2

I never feed bi-carb or any acid neutralisers.

I have an article written by Alex Hauler in the Australian Greyhound magazine Dec/Jan 2002/2003 Vol 1 #14

In a nut shell he says not to use bi-carb as from a series of pre and post race blood & urine tests he found that when used it caused the kidneys to excrete potassium.  
Not just a small amount, but to reduce the intracellular level.  
When you get a blood test & you see the Potassium level, this shows the serum level which should be within the range of 4.6-5.0. The serum level will not fall below these levels until the total body Potassium has lost 10%. This is a massive loss.  
Most of the Potassium in the body is stored intracellular.

His parting comment (after a two page story) is-

"Do not shoot yourself in the foot by supplementing any acid neutralisers that will effectively put your supplemented potassium on the ground in the urine that your greyhound passes"

cheers

PS- I'm not verified either.

All of my race dogs get a level teaspoon of bi carb every thursday night, and have done for as long as I can remember.

like i was thinking that 1/2 a teaspoon twice a day may be two much

SUE the trainer that said this, all his dogs fly the lids but 450 pull them up., & he is the sort of trainer that what ever you are doing it is wrong, you put the muzzle on wrong, you box your dog wrong you put the vest on the dog wrong.  
So i thought that i would put it on here & get some qualified opinions

Peter, if you would like to email me, we can have a chat and I can tell you why his dogs don't run any further than 450. The address is [caroleb@froggy.com.au](mailto:caroleb@froggy.com.au) Best wishes, Carole.

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### Bi Carb Soda page 1 2

been told by another trainer that I should put half a teaspoon morning & night into the feed for my dogs.  
what benefit would this be?  
why should I do this?  
I have not heard of this before  
THANK YOU  
BELL

peter  
depends on what your looking 4  
benefits  
cramping or masking agent  
regards jo

MASKING AGENT(not shouting)  
you just blew me away with that comment masking agent.  
NO JO I was thinking more on the lines that bi carb being a acid neutraliser that it may be harmful to a dog in the way of doing exactly that neutralising all acid is that possible in your opinion  
Do dogs require some acid in their system so by giving bi carb is doing what ?????

peter  
noticed your not a verified user  
so comments on this site  
could blow u away become a verified user  
and more might be explained  
regards jo

A small amount of bicarb soda every second day does neutralize acidity in the system I wouldn't overuse it though.

I would not use it every day, its used mainly after a run to get rid of a acid build up, also it can be used when you see a dog eating grass give bi carb and it will stop eating the grass within a few days.

Mok is it ok to use under rules?

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- No big control box
- No messy wires
- Maintenance free bearings
- A TECA IE2 6 POLE 1.1Kw MOTOR
- V-guided endless PVC belt and more

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JO  
thank you for your reply regarding bi carb  
On the matter regarding not being verified that will not be happening, i dont personally see a need for that  
no harm done  
thank you

ELIA  
Thank you  
yes i think 1/2 a teaspoon twice a day could be to much to much of a good thing could be detrimental aswell imo ( that is if it is a good  
thing to give to a dog )

MICK  
but eating grass is not a bad thing for a dog to do isnt it some sort of a natural remedy for stomach upsets

[EXTERNAL LINK](#)  
by this link

Peter, the correct way to use Bi\_carb, is the best way to go is use it with "Piddle sticks" = 0.5, and you are on your way. Yes it can be  
used as a masking agent, paddy

what about a tea-spoon of cider vinegar every 2nd day

We normally give bicarb, half a teaspoon in the pre-race meal also another half teaspoon in the afterace meal with an extra cup of  
water.  
Some dogs may get some if their pee test comes up at lower than 0.5 ph, they get half a teaspoon with an extra spoon of honey or  
glucose.  
The pee test thing is very useful but make sure the sample collected is before any meal is given best results come after a 12 fast ie  
first pee of the morning, collect the sample mid stream.  
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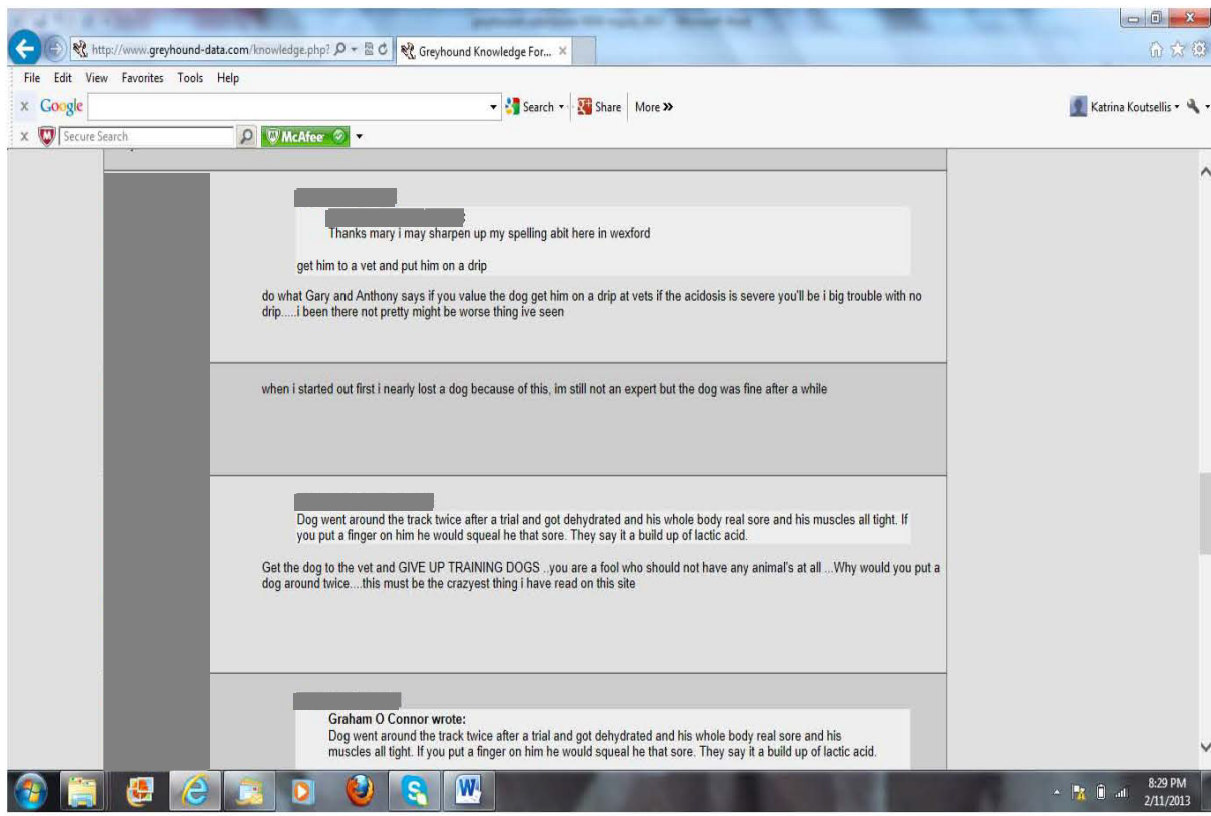
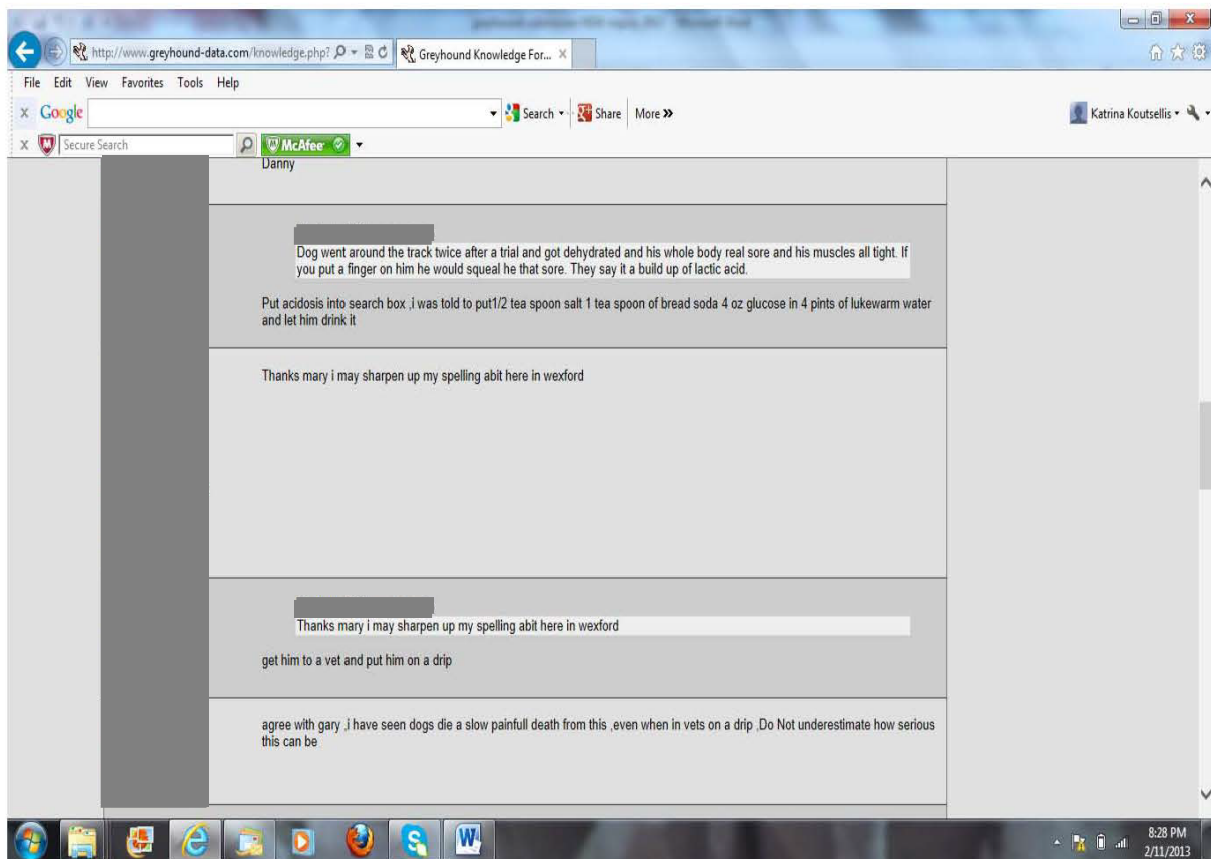
Hello Graham  
Excuse my ignorance but what is assitosis?

Do you mean acidosis???? Give him bi carb ,

Dog went around the track twice after a trial and got dehydrated and his whole body real sore and his muscles all tight. If you put a  
finger on him he would squeal he that sore. They say it a build up of lactic acid.

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- “THE MUSCLE FIXING GUY”

This person is not a vet but is someone who injects steroids and “home made” concoctions into the muscles and sometimes directly into the joints of the injured dog. Everyone in the racing industry that I have dealt with seems to use “the muscle fixing guy”. All medical treatments need to be administered by a fully qualified Veterinarian.

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- CAGE LIFE

What are the regulations of exercise and how much time is acceptable to live in a cage and what are the minimum kennel size requirements? The code of practice for keeping racing greyhounds needs to be reviewed.

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- DIET AND DENTAL ISSUES

The feeding of bread (a seemingly staple diet for racing greyhounds), caffeine, bicarb soda, soft food with no bones (as I’ve been told by a greyhound trainer that it slows them down) and poor nutrition is creating long term poor health, scaly flaky skin, terrible dull coats, and rotten teeth. There is no long term health plan for these dogs as the majority of them are dead by the age of 3-5 years

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- LIVE BAITING AND TRAINING METHODS

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- UNIVERSITIES

Universities provide a “fee free” dumping ground for thousands of greyhounds to be used for veterinary teaching and science. This is not acceptable for these gentle companion animals. This needs to stop.

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- VET CLINICS

Vet clinics are a dumping ground of young healthy greyhounds to be killed if they are too slow, too silly, non chasers, too old for racing, or injured on the track. Many vet clinics also bleed the dogs prior to euthanasia. I have heard of some vets taking every drop of blood from the living fully conscious dog which equates to approximately 4 bags of 300ml blood per dog and then on-selling the blood to unsuspecting families whose pet dog needs a blood transfusion. This is premeditated animal cruelty by professionals who know the consequences of their actions. This needs to be stopped and appropriate repercussions for the unethical treatment by the vet.

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- BLOOD DONOR BANKS

There are greyhounds living permanently in cages and continually giving blood at blood donor banks and specialist vet clinics

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- STRESS ON RESCUE GROUPS

The not for profit, volunteer rescue groups (and indeed the industry adoption programs who are run by paid employees) cannot cope with the enormity of the mass wastage of 20,000+ dogs bred each year in our country to rehome. There are simply not 20,000 families per year that will adopt greyhounds as pets. Rehoming 2,000 - 3,000 greyhounds per year is a realistic figure which creates an automatic wastage of 17,000 – 18,000 dogs?

- NO DATA

There are very limited figures or data available and no data or figures for euthanasia or death rates. There is a retirement/disposal form that is supposed to be filled out for every registered dog. Please note the form is called "Retired/**Disposed** greyhound notification" (please see screen shot below). The voluntary completion of these forms is the responsibility of the individual owner/trainer but insufficient regulatory control of this process means that the data is not adequately captured or recorded. In order to have accountability and transparency all of this data should be made available.

- INCORRECT AND INCONSISTENT RECORD KEEPING

It is my opinion that urgent action needs to be taken to investigate inconsistent and inaccurate record keeping.

### Three examples of poor record keeping by fasttrack and stewards

The first two examples are from 2012 reveal that even after nearly 2 years the records have not been updated. The third example highlights that greyhound racing NSW have stopped reporting deaths at the track. All dogs that have been reported as dying at the track or deceased from stewards reported are listed as either racing or retired.

#### Example 1

**Bond County** was reported as **deceased** at The Gardens 11/1/12 (race 4)

link <http://www.thedogs.com.au/uploads/pdfs/112756.pdf>



BOND COUNTY --- Dog | www.thedogs.com.au/uploads/pdfs/112756.pdf

GREYHOUND RACING NSW

## Stewards Report

**Date:** Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012  
**Meeting:** The Gardens  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Good  
**Stewards:** Dean Degan and Craig Pringle  
**Veterinary Surgeon:** Dr. John Newell

### WITHDRAWALS

1	WOLFMAN WILLIAMS (1) ineligible after receiving 10-day incapacitation certificate at Gunnedah on 7.1.12. Replaced by THREE WAY SHIRAZ (9). THREEPENCE (10) not required.
2	ALWAYS LOOK EYE (9) and BANK ON BUD (10) not required.
3	STORM KING (8) reported injured at 9.36am, 10.01.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by SLIM FIT (9). WISSETOWN LADY (10) not required.
4	BOND COUNTRY (1) deceased. Withdrawn at 8.14am, 9.1.12. Replaced by LEICA JACKSON (10). LIBBY TOKAAM (7) reported injured at 6.47am, 9.01.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by BUCK WILDER (9).
5	STALEY SHIRAZ (4) reported sick at 7.56am, 11.1.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by SUAVE STICKA (9). THRILLING BLOOM (10) not required.
6	DON'T KNOCKER (4) reported injured at 11.17am, 9.1.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by SILVER COINS (9). SILVER COINS (9) reported sick at 8.00am, 10.1.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. CAPRICORN FLYER (1) seasonal. 28-day incapacitation certificate issued. Withdrawn at 7.46am, 10.1.12. Replaced by VALLEY MIST (10).
7	MISTY TOKAAM (9) and BIT BENT (10) not required.
8	TERESE (7) reported injured at 5.42pm, 9.1.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by BUSH TEA (10). BEEJAY ROWE (9) reported sick at 9.33am, 9.1.12. 10-day

Bond County listed on fasttrack 2/11/2013 as still **racing**

<https://fasttrack.grv.org.au/Dog/Details/-709457>

BOND COUNTY --- Dog | https://fasttrack.grv.org.au/Dog/Details/-709457

GRV GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

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### BOND COUNTRY

Details Form Grades Trainer Pedigree Statistics Racing Offences Trials

<b>Dog</b>	Status	Racing	Colour	Black
	Owner	ANN MAREE JARICK	Sex	Dog
	Trainer	DONALD JARICK (GOONELLABAH)	State	VIC
	Name Assigned	05/09/2011		

<b>Breeding</b>	Whelped	09/09/2009	Litter	<a href="#">View details</a>
	Sire	<a href="#">BOND</a>	DNA Registered	No
	Dam	<a href="#">VERA DEFTY</a>	Stud Sire	No
	Breeder	KEITH BREW	GOBIS Registered	

Member number or email  
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#### UPCOMING MEETINGS

Today (2/11/2013)

- MEA - Race 12 3m

Other Fields

- Healesville - Sun 3/11
- Sandown Park - Sun 3/11
- Sale - Sun 3/11
- Ballarat - Mon 4/11
- The Meadows - Mon 4/11
- Geelong - Mon 4/11
- Sale - Tue 5/11
- Cranbourne - Tue 5/11
- The Meadows - Wed 6/11
- Ballarat - Wed 6/11
- Cranbourne - Wed 6/11
- Bendigo - Wed 6/11

Example 2

- Wally Slater was reported as **deceased** 16/2/12 (race 6)  
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**Date:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012  
**Meeting:** Dapto  
**Weather:** Fine  
**Track:** Good  
**Stewards':** Dean Degan, Wayne Billet and Richard Zogbee.  
**Veterinary Surgeon:** Dr. J. O'Keefe

**WITHDRAWALS**

1	Nil
2	Nil
3	OUT TO BAIL (7) reported sick at 6.49am, 16.2.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by TRIPLE GEE (9). TRENT MATE (10) not required.
4	LITTLE BOOBOO (9) and CHATEAU BRAND (10) required race nine.
5	MIDNIGHT ACE (5) reported injured at 8.43am, 15.2.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by ADD A VEGAS (10). LES MATE (7) ineligible after receiving a 10-day incapacitation certificate at Gosford on 7.2.12. Replaced by VIGAX (9).
6	WALLY SLATER (5) deceased. Withdrawn at 8.30pm, 14.2.12. Replaced by BIG ZED (9). SWIFT PASS (10) not required.
7	Nil
8	Nil
9	SNEAKY GIRL (1) reported injured at 7.03am, 16.2.12. 10-day incapacitation certificate issued. Replaced by CHATEAU BRAND (9). FLYING GOANNA (5) ineligible. Withdrawn at 8.23am, 16.2.12. Replaced by LITTLE BOOBOO (10).
10	HIGHLY SPIRITED (9) and ROYAL ACADEMY (10) not required.

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- Wally Slater reported as **retired** as of 2/11/ 2013 on fasttrack  
<https://fasttrack.grv.org.au/dog/details/-199193>

WALLY SLATER --- Dog D x www.thedogs.com.au/up/ x

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**WALLY SLATER**

Details Form Grades Trainer Pedigree Statistics Racing Offences Trials

**Dog**

Status	Retired	Colour	Black
Owner	BRIAN GRANT	Sex	Dog
Trainer	-	State	NSW
Name Assigned	08/07/2010		

**Breeding**

Whelped	12/12/2008	Litter	<a href="#">View details</a>
Sire	<a href="#">SLATER</a>	DNA Registered	No
Dam	<a href="#">LAKE STUNNER</a>	Stud Sire	No
Breeder	ANTHONY SWAN	GOBIS Registered	-

**FAST TRACK**

Member number or email  
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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Today (2/11/2013)  
 (No upcoming meetings for today)

**Other Fields**

- Healesville - Sun 3/11
- Sandown Park - Sun 3/11
- Sale - Sun 3/11
- Ballarat - Mon 4/11
- The Meadows - Mon 4/11
- Geelong - Mon 4/11
- Sale - Tue 5/11
- Cranbourne - Tue 5/11
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- Ballarat - Wed 6/11
- Cranbourne - Wed 6/11
- Bendigo - Wed 6/11

**RECENT RESULTS**

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### Example 3

- Kool Brock** died on the track at Dapto on the 10th April 2013, race 8.  
**Kool Brock** died from a broken neck and was dead on the track. This information was given to Inez Hamilton-Smith from Greyhound Freedom direct the vet Brian Daniels.  
 The stewards report does not mention the greyhound died, but from Brian Daniels we know that he did. **GRNSW have stopped reporting deaths.**  
<http://www.thedogs.com.au/uploads/pdfs/119655.pdf>

INCIDENTS

HAPPY TOWN (7) and WHERE'S RYAN (8) came together shortly after the start. DERTILIS (1) raced wide on the first turn, hampering MANTRA STAR (6) and HAPPY TOWN (7). DERTILIS (1) and HAPPY TOWN (7) collided, on the turn into the back straight and again in the back straight, causing DERTILIS (1) to lose ground. On the turn into the back straight, SELINIA (5) and MANTRA STAR (6) came together. Entering the home straight, TOMMIE'S BABY (3) and WHWERE'S RYAN (8) came together, causing TOMMIE'S BABY (3) to lose ground.

COMPLETE RUN ON	8 7 4 3 1 6 2 5	1 x NK	30:74 (5:52) (17:61)
SWABS TAKEN	Nil		

**RACE 8** GREYHOUND RECORDER STAKES 4/5<sup>th</sup> GDE - 520m

INCIDENTS

FUN FOR ALL (4), ESSY'S BOY (5) and TURBO VAPOUR (6) came together in the run to the first turn. Shortly after, KOOL BROCK (8) checked COOL JONALY (7) and SOLO COMMANDO (6) when crossing. FUN FOR ALL (4) and KOOL BROCK (8) came together on the first turn, causing KOOL BROCK (8) to fall. Shortly after, ESSY'S BOY (5) and TURBO VAPOUR (6) collided. TURBO VAPOUR (6) checked TWISTER MONELLI (1) on the home turn.

A post race veterinary examination of KOOL BROCK (8) revealed the greyhound had a broken neck.

COMPLETE RUN ON	4 6 3 5 2 7 1 (8 FELL)	2 ½ x NSE	30:38 (5:50) (17:73)
SWABS TAKEN	FUN FOR ALL (4) was locked up at the direction of stewards, for a urine sample to be taken.		

GREYHOUND RACING NSW  
 Building B, 1 Homebush Bay Drive, Rhodes NSW 2138  
 PO Box 170, Concord West NSW 2139  
 Ph: (02) 8767 0500 Fax: (02) 9764 6244  
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Fasttrack says that **Kool Brock** is retired 2/2/2013  
<https://fasttrack.grv.org.au/dog/details/-279623>

**KOOL BROCK**

Details Form Grades Trainer Pedigree Statistics Racing Offences Trials

**Dog**

Status Retired Colour Red Brindle  
 Owner RUDOLF DRAPIEWSKI Sex Dog  
 Trainer ANDREW DRAPIEWSKI (ROSSMORE) State NSW  
 Name Assigned 29/07/2010

**Breeding**

Whelped 07/03/2009 Litter [View details](#)  
 Sire [BIG DADDY COOL](#) DNA Registered No  
 Dam [BIDDYKEN LASS](#) Stud Sire No  
 Breeder MR M L HILDER GOBIS Registered -

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**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Today (2/11/2013)  
 (No upcoming meetings for today)

**Other Fields**

- Healesville - Sun 3/11
- Sandown Park - Sun 3/11
- Sale - Sun 3/11
- Ballarat - Mon 4/11
- The Meadows - Mon 4/11
- Geelong - Mon 4/11
- Sale - Tue 5/11
- Cranebourne - Tue 5/11
- The Meadows - Wed 6/11
- Ballarat - Wed 6/11
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- Bendigo - Wed 6/11

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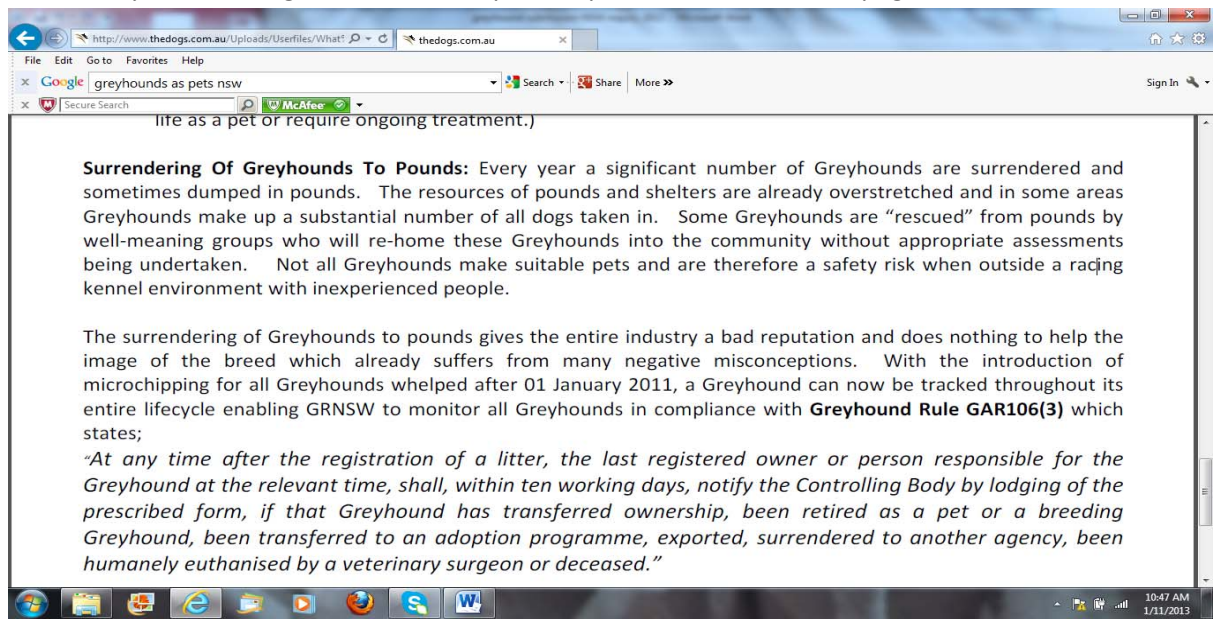


- NO RECORD KEEPING OR VETERINARY PRESENCE AT NON TAB TRACKS

- MICROCHIPPING

Microchipping forms are only being sent to greyhound racing NSW, not to independent bodies such as NSW Animal Companion Register or a national microchip company such as Australasian Animal Registry or National Pet Register. This is an example of the self-regulated greyhound racing industry keeping things “in house”

Please see screen shot below which also makes clear mention which confirms that the industry believes that the way that they train and treat the dogs can make them unsuitable as pets in the community or is it being “rescued” from pounds provides data on “dumpage” rates



- DOGS TREATED LIKE COMMODITIES / STOCK

With the prevalent use of the words such as “wastage” and “disposed” depicts the low value of these beautiful gentle animals speaking of them only as commodities. See below screen shot

The screenshot shows a web browser window with the address bar displaying 'http://www.thedogs.com.au/Uploads/Userfiles/Notice'. The page content is titled 'RETIRED/DISPOSED GREYHOUND NOTIFICATION' and includes the following text:

**RETIRED/DISPOSED GREYHOUND NOTIFICATION**

**GREYHOUND RACING NSW**

*Under R106 (3) At any time after the registration of a litter, the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the relevant time, shall, within ten working days, notify the Controlling Body by lodging of the prescribed form, if that greyhound has transferred ownership, been retired as a pet or a breeding greyhound, been transferred to an adoption program, exported, surrendered to another agency, been humanely euthanised by a veterinary surgeon or deceased.*

**DETAILS OF GREYHOUND BEING RETIRED / DISPOSED**

Name of Greyhound (if Named)				
Ear Brand				
Colour		Sex:	Dog	Bitch
Greyhound's Sire				

- LACK OF KENNEL INSPECTIONS
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- GREYHOUND PUPPY REARING FARMS
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- EXPORTATION OF RACING GREYHOUNDS TO COUNTRIES SUCH AS CHINA WHERE THERE ARE NO ANIMAL WELFARE LAWS AND A 100% EUTHANASIA RATE
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- BARKING DOG TREATMENT IN KENNELS

The quotes below speak for themselves:

1) <http://www.greyhound-data.com/knowledge.php?b=4&note=626614>

- "I've also had them come out of the kennels frothing at the mouth with slobber all over them and shite running down their legs because they were so stressed out through trying to bark."

- "I then got given a leather hood for his kennel muzzle so it left him totally in the dark and the wife made some velcro boots for his paws to stop him scratching !"

- "Give him 5mg. of valium 1 hour before you go to the track"

2) <http://www.greyhound-data.com/knowledge.php?b=3&note=744667&order&x=0>

(note that the above link has now been removed however see below quotes that were taken from the link prior to it being removed)

- "...I've got a barking muzzle on her 24/7 and she knows if she starts she gets hosed"

- "He was looking like he was on drugs as his eyes were bloodshot from 0 sleep and non stop barking."

- Guy with a sound proofed area under his house: "...i could let him howl for hours on end"

3) <http://www.greyhound-data.com/knowledge.php?b=4&note=817011&order&x=0>

- "The use of electronic bark control collars utilizing 'static pulse correction' is illegal in NSW, SA & ACT. Their use is legal in all other states & territories. In NSW they can only be used with a veterinary prescription. In VIC their use is subject to certain conditions"

- "We get a lemon or small orange and put it in a wire muzzle and that stops our dogs barking."

4) <http://www.greyhound-data.com/knowledge.php?b=4&note=469020>

- "Arty I wouldn't leave a leather barking muzzle on a dog. A friend of mine did this a few years back (because of neighbours complaining that he barked when they went out), they came home to find their dog dead, he had been eating grass in the yard that day and vomited and choked. If you have to use one use one of the Miller type".

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### Using a Muzzle In Race Kennels

Another thread has asked for help with a bad kennel dog and I was wondering whether stewards will allow you to use an anti-barking muzzle on race days.

I know that having a regular or American muzzle on is allowed, and I have found it can help to settle some dogs down, but they won't stop a dog barking it's head off.

I imagine if the dog can't bark that it would help to settle it down a fair bit...

I've never seen one used on race day, so I'm curious if they are permitted. I certainly can't think of any reason why not...

I've never seen a full leather barking muzzle used so I've always taken it they were a no-no, however in recent times I have seen the Millers Wire barking muzzles used so they must be allowed I take it. Haven't used them myself but they should do the trick.

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You can not honestly believe that a dog who barks his head off in the kennel is not going to come out for his race in a better condition if he has had a ring muzzle fitted to keep his mouth shut?

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Don't know what the current rule here in Victoria is regarding using leather barking muzzles. Used one to great effect years ago on race nights and bitch would grow a leg. The muzzle I used was drastically modified to ensure no breathing problems and only used in early races. This particular bitch had the muzzle fitted prior to night meal for a short period of time and she would just hop up on her bed and was well behaved. I think this helped her a lot in her race night behaviour.

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I agree that it won't necessarily work with all dogs, but I do think it will be of some benefit for many of them. It certainly won't hurt to give it a try.

I have used a couple of different ones. I have used both leather and wire in NSW, although in the last 5 years I have only used the 'ring' wire muzzles. I have been told that you can't use the plastic strap muzzles with adjustable straps.

They do work for some dogs, I have had a couple of serious barkers that would just lie down and go to sleep once they realise they can't bark, and I've also had them come out of the kennels frothing at the mouth with slobber all over them and shite running down their legs because they were so stressed out through trying to bark.

My advice is test them on a dog by kenneling them for a short time on a trial day before resorting to the muzzles on race day.

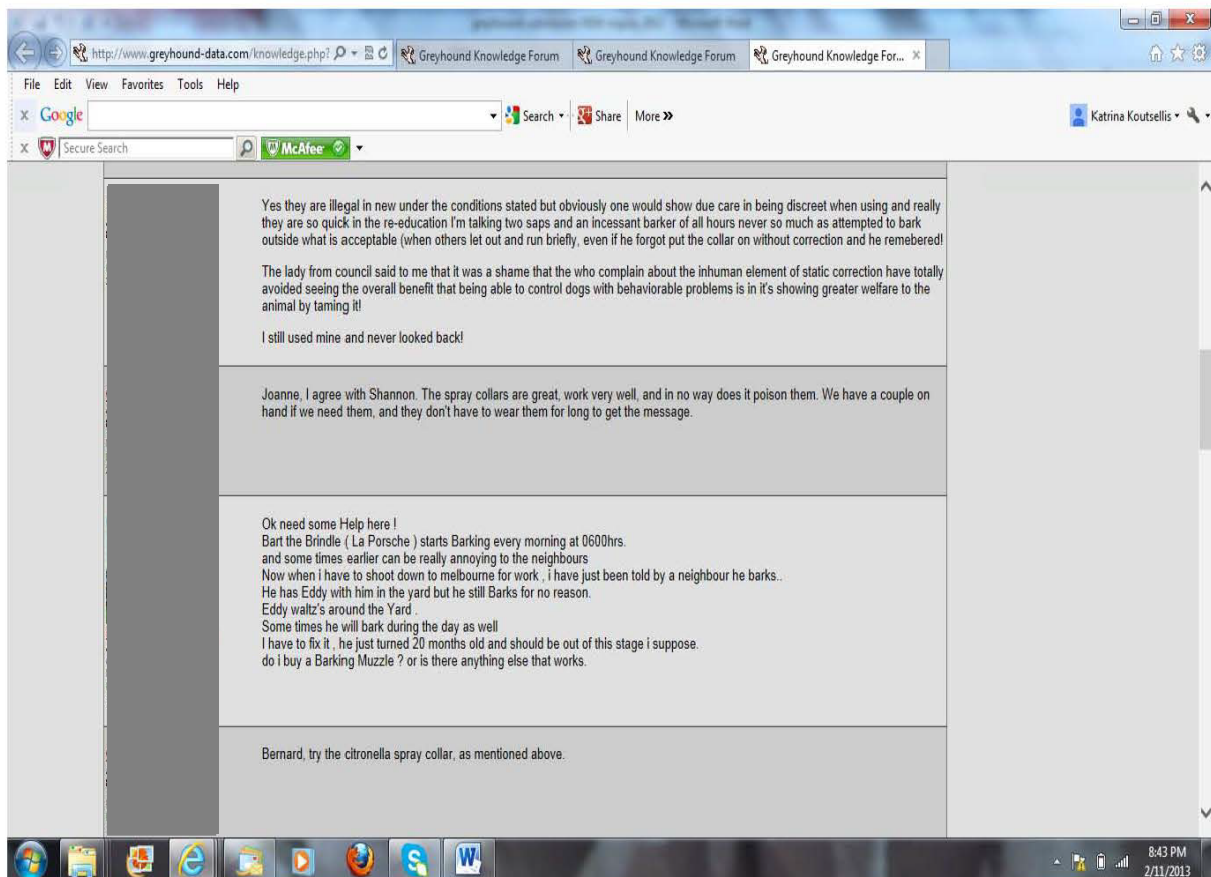
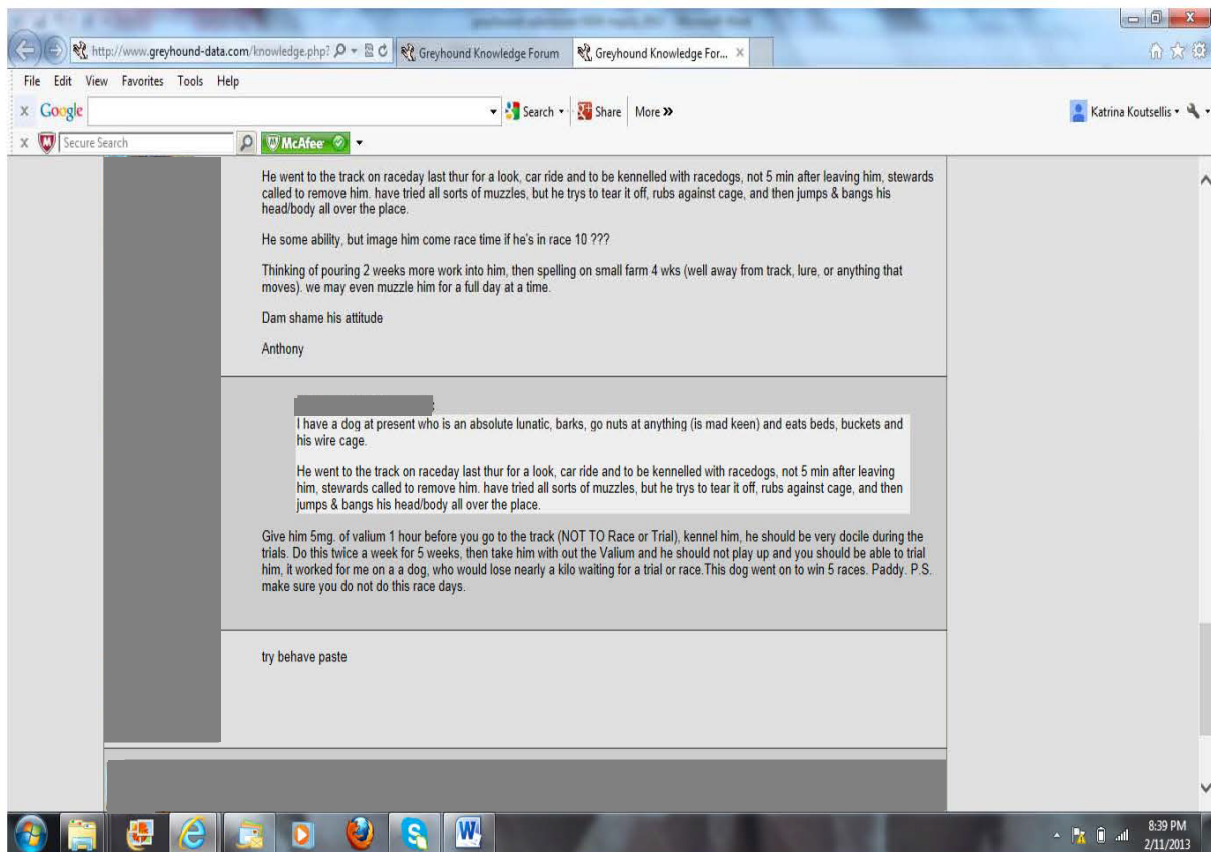
Had a dog years ago that used to lose his races in the kennel before hand.

I then got given a leather hood for his kennel muzzle so it left him totally in the dark and the wife made some velcro boots for his paws to stop him scratching!

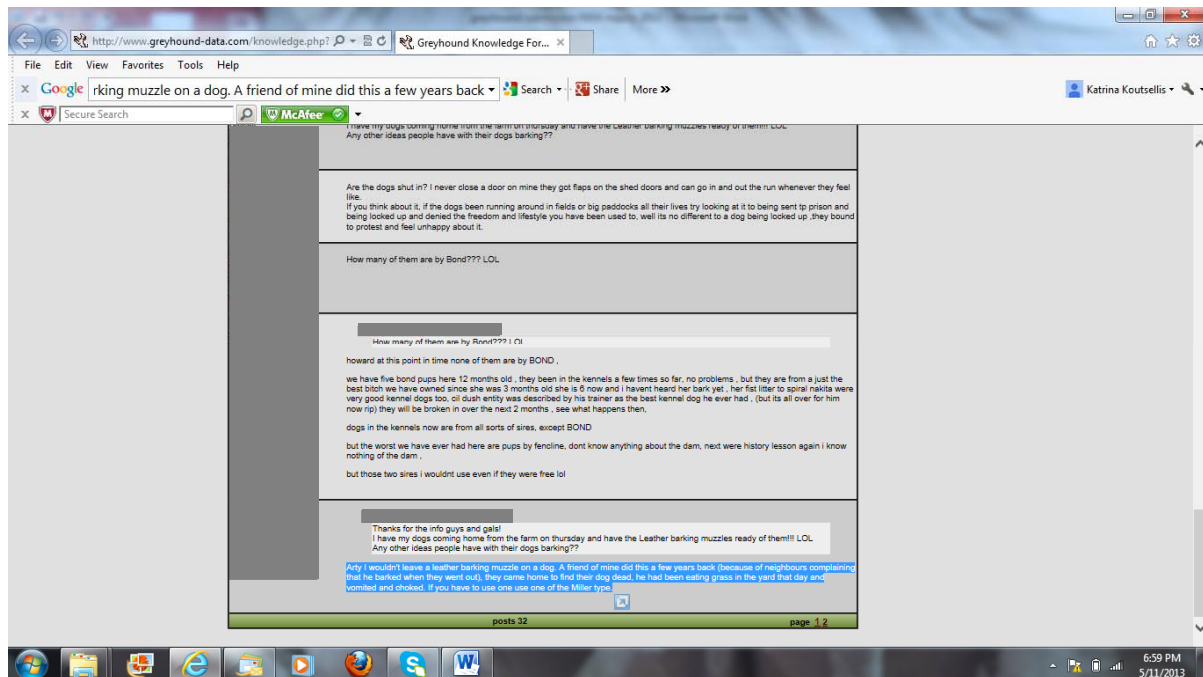
Result: 3-in-a-row, but then sadly he got badly hurt!

Nobody said anything here, but there were a few laughs when we were 'dressing' him!

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- GREYHOUND ADOPTION PROGRAM (Greyhounds as Pets)

A “bandaid” to the racing industry, Greyhounds as Pets, only rehome a tiny percentage of greyhounds as a “welfare initiative”. They have unrealistic assessment processes and routinely euthanize dogs for doing what they have been trained to do by the industry without giving them any “let down time” after racing. They are also unfairly assessing the dogs in a racing kennel environment. The dogs are trained by the industry to chase and are then killed for doing so. Our assessment process of the dogs is to bring them into an environment that we expect them to live in and give them time to adjust and to learn about being a pet in a calm, quiet environment and teach them that they are no longer a racing machine. The industry adoption programs assess these dogs in a cage/kennel environment where they have lived their whole lives and only ever being rewarded when they chase. So these dogs are killed by the industry for the industry.

**Freya** – This is the story of Freya – a greyhound that failed the Greyhounds as Pets assessment process and was taken by them to the vet clinic to be killed. Due to an administrative bungle within the vet clinic Freya was not euthanized and our rescue group rehomed this beautiful gentle girl who passed our assessment process and was actually in foster care with 2 little white fluffy dogs. She was rehomed to a lovely family that adore her. When they recently applied for Freya’s greenhound assessment collar, confident of her meeting the requirements, they were unfortunately advised that Freya did not pass as she was too quiet and shy. The owners, who have since adopted another greyhound from us, cannot believe that Freya, who they believe is a perfect pet, was failed. Freya is testament to a flawed assessment system whereby beautiful gentle dogs are being killed too hastily and unfairly by the industry that overbreeds and exploits them.

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- ANIMAL TESTING AT HOSPITALS AND UNIVERSITIES (cardiology, etc)

I have been told by a cardiologist that the Royal Brisbane hospital was testing on greyhounds in their cardiology ward whilst they were fully conscious with tubes sticking out their sides and being watched on by the RSPCA to ensure they were treated “humanely”. This particular specialist and his colleague refused to participate based on grounds of conscientious objection.

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- SELF REGULATED INDUSTRY – It is very hard for any rescue organisation or member of the public to report abuse cases of greyhounds because there is seemingly no organisation or authority that is trustworthy, credible, or pro-active – an authority that will act in the best interest of the dogs that does not have a vested interest in the racing industry. Offences need to be investigated, perpetrators punished and there should be an open record of the animal cruelty. It is my suggestion that a separate police department be formed specifically for dealing with animal cruelty cases as is available in other countries.

Furthermore the industry actually charges and fines a person who speaks out about the atrocities of the industry. The gentleman in the following link is just one example.

<http://www.thedogs.com.au/NewsArticle.aspx?NewsId=4427>

Greyhound Racing NSW stewards today continued investigations into comments made by trainer Christos Arletos during the ABC’s 7.30 report, which was aired on the evening of 15 October 2013.

Mr Arletos was questioned regarding claims made on the program. He had been interviewed by the ABC at the Wentworth Park meeting of 4 October 2013 and again at his residence at a later date.

During the 7.30 program Mr Arletos made the claims:

- 80% of trainers are looking for something to dope their dogs with;
- Greyhound racing is not a level playing field and never will be; and
- He cannot compete with the high quality of drugs used by some trainers

At no point during questioning by stewards today could Mr Arletos substantiate the allegations he made during the program.

Mr Arletos was charged under GAR 86 (q) with two counts of having engaged in conduct prejudicial to the interests of greyhound racing.

Mr Arletos was found guilty on each charge and was subsequently fined a total of \$500.

In assessing penalty consideration was given to Mr Arletos' previous record of having no conduct related breaches in 26 years of registration, the investment he has in the industry, and his not guilty plea on both counts. Consideration was also given to the fact that no personal vilification had occurred.


Stewards also considered submissions from Mr Arletos in respect of the context in which the footage had been taken, claiming the comments that were made on the 7.30 report formed only a minor part of more than two hours of interviews at the track and his kennels during which he had attempted to portray the industry in a far more positive aspect than that ultimately depicted on the program.

Mr Arletos was advised of his right of appeal.

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- Lack of respect from trainers and participants to our rescue group  
Most greyhound participants and trainers expect rescue groups such as ours to take their dogs quickly as they haven't thought ahead with a retirement plan for the dog in question. This is an unrealistic demand because there are just so many dogs that need saving ALL THE TIME. They then seem to think that because they have made a phone call to us demanding that we take their dog immediately that they no longer feel any burden of guilt when they take their dog to be killed because they feel like they "tried" to rehome the dog at the last minute and somehow it is no longer their problem that they have had to kill their dog.

HERE ARE SOME EXAMPLES OF A FEW RESCUES WITH WHICH I HAVE BEEN PERSONALLY INVOLVED FROM NSW

**Dawson** – Dawson was rescued from a Sydney vet after he broke his leg as a 6 week old puppy and his racing owner decided to let it heal "naturally" without x-rays or proper investigation. When he was 3 months old he was taken in to the vet to be put down as the conservative treatment did not work and he couldn't be raced. Dawson also has ear tattoos which would have been done between 6 weeks and 3 months of age (whilst he visibly had a untreated broken leg) which leads to the question – why did the industry authorities not do something at the time of tattooing to help the suffering and welfare of this poor puppy? Why was this not reported or dealt with? His ear tattoo is 



Specialist vet prognosis and treatment from North Coast Veterinary Specialists:

Dawson had a fracture of the left tibial.

The bone has been realigned and an external fixateur has been placed on the left hind limb fracture.

Specialist vet Richard Mitchell said the injury occurred at least 3 months ago (Dawson is now 4 months old – his date of birth is 26/6/2013).

X-ray that was done by North Coast Veterinary specialists prior to surgery



## X-ray after surgery



**Howard** - Howard was dumped at Hawkesbury pound as a 9 year old dog in emaciated condition and he needed 11 teeth removing



**Maya** - Maya was rescued from the Hawkesbury Pound as a 1 year old terrified little girl. The pound keeper told me that the dog was dragged out of the car into the pound and dumped like a piece of rubbish. The pound keeper also told me that the dog needed to get "the hell out there now!" as she was so terrified. Here is a video I created on the start of Maya's rescue journey.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=s6lhK80br0o>



**May** – May was recently rescued from a Sydney vet after she found herself taken there to be killed after she broke the tip of her toe (and had already previously broken the adjoining toe) so this apparently warranted her to be killed. After a very simple operation May had the tip of her toe amputated and has now been rehomed to a beautiful family with kids and cats.



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A RECENT ABUSE CASE THAT I HAVE JUST WITNESSED ON SOCIAL MEDIA FROM WAGGA WAGGA POUND (31 OCTOBER 2013)



MALE

~Weighed 19kgs on arrival

~Not in as bad a state of health compared to the female

~Had a wound that has been cleaned and has/is healing well

"FEMALE

~Weighed 15kgs on arrival

~Severely dehydrated

~Severe lethargy

~Has a hole in her foot that could be seen straight through and also went through to bone

~Was vomiting

~Had diarrhoea (tests were done in an attempt to isolate the cause however it is expected there are various causes and most likely associated with but her infection from abscess)

~She has had antibiotics, i.v fluids, abscess drained, wounds washed and cleaned daily

~Has put on 4kgs since arriving over a fortnight ago

~Vet reasonably confident that her toes can be saved, but will require ongoing vet attention (skin is granulating and growing back)

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#### OTHER RECENT PERSONAL EXPERIENCES

**"Bleed him, kill him, I don't care"** - I was recently rang by a vet nurse that had 4 greyhounds dumped at the vet clinic in which she works and the dogs' owner told her when speaking about one particular dog "Bleed him, kill him, I don't care". We are in the process of trying to save these dogs

**5 siblings** - I was recently contacted by a trainer of 5 siblings from the same litter who were 'no good' for racing and the syndicate stopped paying for them the week prior. He gave us 24 hours to take them as he was going away the following day and didn't want to have to pay for their food otherwise he was sending them to the specialist vet clinic in Underwood QLD who "takes their blood and puts them down for free". We miraculously managed to save all 5 dogs.

**"Hell no" guy** – this man is a regular client at a Sydney vet who I've been told takes in at least 1 dog a week for euthanasia for being 'no good' at racing, who when asked by the vet nurse if he would allow them to rehome the young gentle non chasing female greyhound he had taken in for euthanasia commented "Hell no"

**Rabbits** - I was told by a participant recently when describing two dogs she was putting onto our waiting list "I can't say they haven't had rabbits when they were being trained as they were trained in Victoria and you know what it's like down there! The trainer's property was full of wild rabbits in the paddocks so you know I can't say they haven't had them"

**Brian** - Brian injured his Achilles tendon as an 18 month old boy and was treated by the “muscle fixing guy” and the owner was told that Brian would never be able to race. Brian’s former owner also admitted to me that he had been trained with dead frozen gutted rabbits at the break in centre.

**Gatton University** - I have also been involved in the rescue of 11 greyhounds this year from Gatton University who were surplus to the needs of the University as they were already full with an overabundance of greyhounds for their veterinary teaching and science. These particular dogs were going to be immediately killed as they weren’t needed.

**Mass graves** - I have heard from various trainers that there are properties that have mass graves of dead greyhounds, however they are not willing to give details or addresses.

**Broomsticks and pig prods** - I have heard of training techniques such as sticking a broomstick up the rectum of the dog to force him/her to watch the other dogs running. Pig prods are apparently also used for training purposes.

**Live bait** - I have heard of live roosters, chickens, guinea pigs, possums, cats and piglets being thrown in a cage with a greyhound to try and “blood them”. I was once told by an owner when they were surrendering one of their dogs to me that “she is chook friendly as she wouldn’t kill the rooster when it was thrown in the cage with her”

**“IT”** - I constantly get told by trainers “we can’t keep them all so **it** has to go as we have another one coming to take **its** place”. “It’s such a shame to have to put **it** down because **it’s** such a nice dog but what else can we do with **it**?” “I send them to the uni but don’t want to think about what happens to them after I leave” “**It’s** a silly dog – **it** just wants to play all the time and not chase the lure so **it** has to go” \*\*\*\*\* Silly generally means that the dog won’t chase.

**PROFITING FROM BLOOD** – I have been told of one particular specialist vet clinic in QLD that accepts between 3 - 8 greyhounds per day for draining of the blood, before they are killed. The clinic then profits from on-selling the blood to innocent clients. This “bloody” business is happening every single day Australia wide.

## CONCLUSION

The racing industry needs to be abolished due to the wastage and suffering dogs are enduring for a profit driven betting and gambling industry. There are far too many dogs being bred and killed.