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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my concern for greyhounds in the racing industry.

I was shocked to learn that the greyhound racing industry kills thousands of young and healthy dogs each year simply because they are not profitable or when they get injured. Better management of sale and over-breeding of greyhounds, and measures to reduce the high number of greyhounds euthanased each year is needed.

I also find it very disturbing that dogs regularly raced after being drugged with cocaine, caffeine, steroids and even Viagra. There needs to be proper control and testing processes in place, as well as appropriate prosecution where doping is found.

I believe Greyhound Racing NSW has a direct conflict of interest in establishing and enforcing standards for their treatment. There currently is inadequate and questionable data collection within the industry (in regards to the number of puppies born, number of dogs euthanased, injury rates and greyhounds supposedly rehomed).

I also find it extremely worrying that Australian greyhounds are being exported to countries with no effective animal cruelty laws in place. We have no control over how these animals are treated once they leave our shores, and no jurisdiction if they are mistreated (*although in Northern Queensland, greyhounds are often forced to race to physical exhaustion in temperatures up to 44 degrees, seriously if you don't want to be out racing in this kind of temperature, why is it fair to drug and force an animal to?*).

I beg you to use your position to help protect these dogs, by ensuring that these killings stop and that greyhounds are treated with the same respect and care that our community would expect of any animal.

Sincerely,

Carmen Chan