

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I do not support the greyhound racing industry.

Thousands of greyhounds are bred each year for entertainment purposes only. If they are not fast enough to win, they are a by product of the industry and killed. Greyhounds reach retirement age around 4-5 years old, however the breed can live for 12+ years.

The Greyhound industry hosts a pathetic attempt at animal welfare and rehoming of these animals. Having been involved in companion animal rescue for 10 years and seen many Greyhounds come through the shelters (including my own adopted 'failed' racer), many are not kept in pleasant conditions or cared for well. Racing Greyhounds live their lives in a kennel situation and never in a family/home environment, which is mentally detrimental.