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## **INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW**

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**From:** Suzanne Hopping  
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**Subject:** Greyhound racing NSW

Dear Mr Smith,

I would like to submit my concerns regarding Greyhound racing NSW.

There are well over 20,000 greyhounds bred each year for the sole purpose of racing. Very few of them make it as racers which results in a deplorable number of dogs discarded and cruelly killed. Those lucky enough get euthanised by vets!

The racers don't stand much of a chance either as those who are deemed not fast enough are also put down - how this is done is left to the discretion of the owner/trainer whether in a humane way or otherwise. Racing also results in appalling injuries to many of these dogs - some die on track while others are commonly put down after suffering racing injuries.

Many greyhounds are also given drugs and stimulants to enhance their racing speed. There is little or no accountability regarding doping, so the culprits are able to get away with no fear of any repercussions. If the dog survives it results in health issues later in life. Many of the training methods are also dubious, using treadmills and often, live bait.

In many instances the dogs are kept in inhumane living conditions. When not being trained they are caged for many hours.

While there is money and gambling involved in greyhound racing, the cruelty metered out to these dogs will go on.

I urge you to show some compassion to these gentle creatures and make a change to the laws so these animals have some protection. If there was any other group of animals who were treated in this inhumane way there would be a huge outcry.

At the moment they are bred to die.

Please help them.

Your sincerely

Suzanne Hopping