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

**Organisation:** Greyhounds New Beginnings - Life After The track

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I am a veterinary nurse who has been working in the industry now for a bit over 12 years. I have seen many things in my time but nothing has affected more emotionally than the 'dumping' of greyhounds to vet clinics for euthanasia, just because they didn't run fast enough to earn a dollar or from a minor injury. After witnessing hundreds if not thousand of deaths of these beautiful dogs, I decided to make a difference and start a non for profit rehoming charity.

Currently we are only 2 people running the charity but we are trying our guts out to save as many as we can. We are flooded with dogs on a daily basis and cannot keep up the demand to find all these dogs new homes.

Is someone responsible for the management of breeding in racing greyhounds? It's seem they are bred and discarded easily with no responsibility or consequence.

I work closely with trainers in rehoming dogs straight from the race track and have heard horrible accounts of cruelty, the use of non-swabable medications and death by inappropriate means I am appalled on a daily basis the cruel hand these dogs are dealt.

Racing is a cruel sport, with many injuries occurring.

Is it even a law to have a vet on site? When a dog is injured, how long is it until they receive veterinary care? Is it mandatory that veterinary care is sort or does it go back to trainers administering drugs they are legally not allowed to have access to....

Why isn't the government putting more funds for rehoming program's. in my opinion, if society wants to bet on these animals for entertainment, there must be some percentage of earnings go back to the rehoming of these dogs after their racing career.

There needs to be a massive overhaul of greyhound racing. Humans r winning money and dogs are dying. I have heard from many different sources that over 24,000 greyhounds are euthanised every year. This is 461 dogs per week! This isn't even an accurate figure, it's probably more...

Isn't time these figures were looked at and action taken so these appalling numbers can be decreased...

Come on, it's time someone spoke up and told the general public what happens in the greyhound racing world. This is all fact, I see it first hand everyday....

Please help, the greyhounds a the most beautiful breed of dog I have ever owned and worked with, they don't deserve the rough deal they are currently getting

Yours sincerely

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