

INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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To whom it may concern,

Greyhound racing in Australia is a disgusting industry. How can a first world country endorse an industry that exploits, overbreeds and brutalizes animals.

I believe that there should be tougher regulations around breeding, numbers need to be brought down somehow. Not all of these dogs become race dogs and there are simply too many to rehome. Greyhound Racing NSW is not strict enough and does not put enough effort into the welfare of these animals once they are born. The conditions they are kept in are not helping these dogs be rehomed either. Pumping animals full of drugs, "bleeding" them to make them more aggressive, living their whole lives in cages, are all things that are destroying greyhounds chances of finding a homes after racing.

There must be control over the ways greyhounds are euthanized, not all breeders want to pay for their 'useless' dogs to be put dome humanely. If financial incentives were put into place, breeders would at least do one kind gesture in putting their greyhounds down properly. By reducing the cost of euthanasia for breeders would reduce the amount of dogs that are illegally put down or fobbed off to vet clinics as "blood donors".

Lastly I would like to highlight the lack of information everyday people can find out about the industry. There must be more accurate recordings of the number of dogs bred, euthanized and injured racing. It cannot be swept under the carpet. How come so much money is put into media and advertising for racing yet nobody wants an ad advocating greyhound rights in Australia? People need to know the truth, there needs to be a fair balance. A lot of Autralians are ignorant to what goes on because all they hear and see is pro-racing campaigns.

I grew up in New South Wales, and have fostered greyhounds through 'Friends of the Hound'. Please believe me when I say these are amazing, gentle creatures. They deserve a better chance at life.

Please help stop this dog killing industry.

Sincerely,

Clare Adams