

**Submission
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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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I do not support or agree with the greyhound racing industry for the following reasons:

Many greyhounds are bred each year, purely for the 'entertainment' of some people. These sentient, intelligent beings are then killed when they are either not fast enough, are injured, or are 'too old' (at around 4-5 years of age) to race. Many also die in 'accidents' on the race tracks. It is concerning and quite damning that the greyhound industry refuses to release figures to the public of exactly how many greyhounds are bred, and killed, each year.

The greyhound industry seems to have some animal welfare laws in place, but to an observer it appears that often these laws are unpoliced. I have been rescuing and rehoming greyhounds for the last eight years, and the condition that many of these dogs are in when handed in to council pounds is quite shocking, very often they are extremely underweight, coats dull, fur missing, calluses on their leg joints from sleeping on hard ground, untreated injuries, rotten teeth etc.

It is quite clear from the reports of racing trainers being fined that performance enhancing drugs are used within the industry.

Greyhounds bred in Australia are exported to countries such as Macau which have no animal welfare laws. These dogs live their entire lives in cages and ALL of them are killed when they are no longer able to race, there is no attempt at all to rehome any of them.

In NSW there is an industry-funded rehoming program, however for a multi-billion dollar industry the amount of funds and resources allocated to this program is ludicrous. Peter and Janet Flan, a retired couple who run Greyhound Rescue, receive NO government funding and rely on fundraising and public donations, yet they rehome many more greyhounds each year than GAPNSW manages to.

It is appalling that in a modern society we continue to breed, mistreat, and kill sentient, intelligent, affectionate beings purely for so-called entertainment.