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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Subject: Inquiry into the treatment of greyhounds

Dear Director,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concern for the conditions and fate of greyhounds bred for racing purposes.

Forgive the sentimentality of my note, but I feel the only thing I have to say, or should need to, is that the abuse of animals is wrong, and if found to be occurring should be stopped. Likewise, breeding surplus animals for the sole purpose of racing, whose fate can only be death at a very young age if unsuccessful in that arena, is wrong and should be stopped.

I fully understand the power of racing (or, rather, gambling) in this country but for it to be at the expense of our humane treatment of other sentient, emotional creatures shows a lack of responsibility and care that is unbecoming of such an advanced and educated society.

I'm asking that we respect greyhounds - we don't need to abuse them for them to be participants in greyhound racing. And if we do need to abuse them to participate, then surely this activity should be stopped altogether (I know of course that won't happen!).

I am grateful for your Inquiry into this matter, and trust that conditions for greyhounds might be improved as a result of your findings and actions.

Sincerely,

Juliana Walsh