INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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We have two rescue greyhounds. One, a black 4 year old desexed male, was kept in a cage for years and has significant physical and psychological problems. One of his ears is mutilated from having the tattoo cut out. It is doubtful that he ever raced. Through interacting with our family (including "normal" dogs, he is becoming more balanced). The second dog is an 11 year old bitch who is in excellent condition. She has had numerous litters of pups, and her owners wanted to have her bled to death to save on euthanasia costs. Their daughter alerted a rescue organisation and we drove a 1800km round trip to collect her. She is in excellent health and is placid and friendly. We do not understand why greyhound owners/trainers and the industry bodies that administer racing do not have to be responsible for the dogs ongoing welfare - before, during and after training. This includes microchipping and proper socialising. It is also the responsibility of the governments (and citizens) who receive a significant amount of funds from gambling revenue, substantially sourced from gallopers, trotters and greyhounds. The rescue organisations should not have to exist.