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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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Dear Director,

Lift the lid on the long overdue Greyhound Racing in NSW.

Figures provided by Greyhound racing NSW show over 3,000 greyhounds are euthanased in NSW annually, because they are too slow, have been injured racing or training, or have reached the end of their career.

Also not publicly exposed is abuse of Greyhounds by trainers and owners.

These deaths and abuse must end. It is a disgrace, these gentle dogs deserve protection.

Only 300 dogs have been re-homed since 2009 under Greyhound Racing NSW's "Greyhound as Pets" program.

Approximately 17,000 Greyhounds are killed in Australia each year, because of head trauma and cardiac arrests from over exertion, broken legs and paralysis.

Collected data on the number of pups born, incidences of injuries and number of dogs killed in NSW Greyhound racing industry each year, remains hidden from the public.

Doping allegations are also extremely concerning. The industry is self regulating and out of reach of the Independent Commission against Corruption.

There needs to be a complete overhaul for the Greyhound racing industry to protect the Greyhounds from abuse, injuries and death. They cannot defend themselves against human greed and corruption.