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INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND RACING IN NSW

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The Director,

Dear Sir,

I have been into G/hound racing since 1967. Owner, P. Trainer, & Breeder. I dearly love the sport, but unfortunately G/hound Racing has taken 2 steps forward, & 6 steps backwards. At the moment, I have 1 Bitch (owned by my son) in my kennels. She has only had 8 races - no wins, but is a 6 mths "season" bitch. Because she hasn't run 3rd, in her last 3 starts (4th. being her best) I can't get a run, so now she is a pet.

Re the Injection to keep bitches off season, some bitches are determined to "come in season" so the amount allowed is not strong enough to keep them off. I had 1 bitch who would "come in" but would not go the full season - she needed a stronger Inj. I was lucky to find a home for her as a pet. I query your choice who will be on the Inquiry Board. Have these people had any experience with G/hound. Dr. Humphries is a dedicated Vet, his clinic is open 24 hrs. I think the Board should take his comments on "seasons" seriously.

The cost of a G/hound, rearing, breaking - v. feeding & vetting is by no means cheap. What that dog will be capable of is trial & error. Will it make it? With only 2 non-tab tracks, it is hard to get a draw. This is where they "learn & get experience."

I think something should be done re Breeding. Some Breeders will breed the same bitch twice a year. They send pups to a "break-in" track, & say the pup must run a certain time or they don't want them back. Thus a trip to the Vets. These beautiful dogs have not been given a chance. They won't give them away

because if someone else races them, & they don't perform well, it gives their "Broodie" a bad name, thus harder to sell next litter.

Re doping, I am very much against it nothing makes me more cranky, than "repeated dopers" classed as Champion Trainers. We'd all be champion Trainers if we doped. We honest owners & trainers just "make up the field" for this type. I don't mind be beaten by a good honest dog, but when you're drawn in a field with certain Trainers, you think "are they hit to-night?" I think every winner should be swabbed. If G.R. N.S.W really want to clean up the game, this should be done. All dopers should be outed for life. The people you talk to have very little respect for G/L. racing because of the doping. You only have to look round the track on race night & see what a poor attendance we are getting. If G/L. racing Authorities were sincere, they would "out for life" the dopers, & publish it in the papers. Then & only then, would we earn respect, & get people back to the tracks. At the moment we're a joke!

Please take this seriously, G/hound racing is great, & retired G/hounds make wonderful pets. Some I have had 'til they're 14 yrs. My last one was just on 9 yrs, & unfortunately he had to be put down. This is the saddest part of owning one.

Yours sincerely,
Mary Olling. (P. Trainer)