

INQUIRY INTO ANIMAL WELFARE POLICY IN NEW SOUTH WALES

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Re: Submission for the Animal Welfare Bill 2022 (NSW)

GREY2K USA Worldwide is the largest greyhound protection organisation in the world, and has been working for over twenty years to expose the systemic and structural cruelty in the greyhound racing industry on a global basis.

GREY2K recommends the following seven (7) changes to the Animal Welfare Bill 2022 (NSW):

- The restoration of a prohibition on commercial greyhound racing in New South Wales and a prohibition on all forms of wagering on domestic and foreign commercial greyhound racing.
- A prohibition on the import and export of greyhounds for commercial purposes.
- As long as greyhound racing continues, the transition from curved tracks to straight tracks.
- As long as greyhound racing continues, a fund from betting proceeds for greyhound adoption to ensure all greyhounds exiting the industry can be adopted into homes.
- As long as greyhound racing continues, whole-of-life (“cradle-to-grave”) tracking of greyhounds bred for commercial racing.
- The establishment of an independent office of animal protection to administer and enforce the bill.
- The explicit recognition of animals as sentient beings with intrinsic value.

Worldwide and Australia-wide trend to end greyhound racing and all associated activities

Commercial greyhound racing is an industry built on a business-model that structurally harms the welfare of dogs and sacrifices them for financial gain of, and entertainment for, a minority in our community. This has been extensively documented in New South Wales, in other states in Australia and in all countries around the world that have or had a commercial greyhound racing industry.

When first invented in the United States in the 1920’s, it could not be foreseen that hundreds of thousands of dogs would suffer and die. But today, the systemic cruelty and disregard for dogs in this industry, and the animal suffering it causes, is well-known and should be sufficient reason to distance oneself from this industry.

In fact, this is what is happening worldwide since many years and greyhound racing can be described as a dying industry due to communities and governments recognising that it is inherently cruel to dogs and not in line with the values of our societies.

The [documented global decline of greyhound racing](#) has been ongoing for years, and media outlets around the world have long reported the spiraling collapse of this cruel industry. Between 2001 and 2014, the total amount gambled on American greyhound racing declined by 70%ⁱ, and this decline has continued since. Additionally, the number of tracks has been reduced from 60 to 2. In the United Kingdom, all of the London dog tracks have closed and are in the process of being re-purposed for mixed housing and retail operations. In 2018, the [Macau government ordered the closure of the Canidrome](#), the only legal dog track in China, ending the deaths of 400 dogs per year and opening up acres of land for good public use. Additionally, Jamaica refused to legalise dog racing in 2009 and South Africa followed in 2010, citing both the poor economics and humane problems associated with the activity.ⁱⁱ

As of 2021, dog racing is illegal in 188 of 195 countries. In fact, commercial greyhound racing exists in only seven countries. The global trend is definitely with the greyhounds and follows a love of dogs which truly transcends all cultures.

In Australia, despite shameless government support and the use of public funds to keep this cruel industry going, community opposition is growing with increased awareness. This led to a ban on greyhound racing and trialling in the ACT from 30 April 2018, following the passage of the Domestic Animals (Racing Greyhounds) Amendment Act 2017 in November 2017. In Western

Australia, Alison Xamon MLC presented a community petition consisting of 11,500 Western Australian signatures imploring the WA State Government to prohibit greyhound racing.ⁱⁱⁱ In Queensland, central during the 2015 live-baiting scandal, Animal Liberation Queensland and Ipswich Labor MP Jennifer Howard have led the opposition to building a new dog track in Queensland on animal cruelty grounds.^{iv} And in Tasmania, a parliamentary petition to end the public funding of greyhound racing in Tasmania, tabled by Cassy O'Connor MP, has over 4,000 Tasmanian signatures.^v

The Present

We trust you have done your due diligence and are well informed about the welfare issues in the greyhound racing industry, including the appalling track record of the industry in the State of New South Wales itself. However, we provide a few simple figures that should be enough reason by themselves to impose a ban on this industry:

- 202 greyhounds were killed and there were 9,861 greyhound injuries on Australian tracks in 2020, as documented by the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds.^{vi}
- Those figures increased to 213 greyhounds killed and 10,195 injured on Australian tracks in 2021, including 64 track deaths and 3,074 track injuries in New South Wales alone.^{vii} An additional 28 NSW greyhounds were killed off-track after sustaining an injury.^{viii}

These numbers are only the tip of the iceberg, with the animal suffering caused by this industry extending far beyond the racetracks themselves.

Thousands of greyhounds are bred each year without ever making it to the racetrack. These are considered 'wastage' and many of them are discarded as commodities with no value. Greyhounds are subjected to inappropriate inhumane housing and husbandry due to the failure to set proper legal standards. They are subjected to severe training methods and the administration of doping and drugs to greyhounds are a well-known practice in the industry.

A GREY2K [investigation](#) reported on in the United States this month, once again shows that other animal species are also not safe from cruelty in the greyhound racing industry.^{ix} The use of animals as live lure to train greyhounds for racing has been documented multiple times in several countries over the past years, including extensively in Australia and NSW specifically. The shocking animal cruelty footage and documentation from 2015 and 2016 from multiple Australian states showed how animals such as rabbits, piglets and possums were ripped apart whilst alive.

There is no reason to believe that this illegal practice is now less widespread in the industry in Australia as it was then. The industry has resisted and failed to reform significantly, to clean up its act and become more transparent and accountable.

Below we provide more detailed background historical information on the greyhound racing industry. It is merely an illustrative summary of some events that have come to public light and it focuses on NSW. However, it is indicative of the enduring and widespread culture of disregard for the welfare of animals, for rules-based systems, for authorities and for fair-play and integrity in commercial greyhound racing.

History in New South Wales (2000-2014)

In New South Wales and across Australia, the greyhound industry's regulatory failings are well-established.

In 2000, corrupt practices were the subject of an inquiry by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, resulting in six people being charged and the jailing of a chief steward.^x

In 2003, NSW Chief Steward Rodney Potter was jailed for over two years after he switched dog urine samples in exchange for tens of thousands of dollars in bribes from trainers.^{xi}

In 2009, Dr. Humphries, while sitting on the NSW greyhounds veterinary advisory committee, observed a lab analyst openly offering to falsify test results.^{xii}

In 2011, NSW ombudsman and chief magistrate David Landa was appointed to examine claims of misconduct, but he quit in disgust in 2012, describing the situation as unworkable and compromised.^{xiii} Also in 2011, *7 News* reported on the export of Australian greyhounds to Macau. The news piece showcased that, within three years, all Australian dogs sent to the Canidrome would be dead. At the time of the reporting, 800 Australian dogs resided at the Canidrome, spending their time in steel cages and euthanised once no longer profitable.^{xiv} Later that year, a campaign was launched to save an Australian greyhound from the Canidrome.^{xv}

In 2012, *Fairfax Media* exposed race-fixing, drug use, money laundering and criminal activity, problems stakeholders attributed to "poor transparency and independent oversight". A year later, Greens MP John Kaye successfully moved a parliamentary inquiry to study "industry mismanagement, inappropriate distribution of TAB funds and widespread mistreatment of dogs".^{xvi} Natalie

O'Brien's 2013 reporting also drew attention to reports that more than 3,000 greyhounds were destroyed each year, and that dogs were underfed, confined in small pens and administered performance-enhancing drugs.^{xvii}

More 2013 coverage of doping, cruelty, and collusion followed, with reporting from Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop with *ABC News*. A 7.30 investigation found that more than 70 dogs had tested positive for banned substances in that past year.^{xviii} In addition, massive over-breeding resulted in up to 17,000 dogs being killed each year.^{xix}

And occurring in 2013 but reported upon in 2014, *Greyhounds Australasia* banned greyhound exports to Macau by stopping the issuing of "greyhound passports".^{xx} The passport ban, however, was not legally binding, and Australian racing participants could and did again disregard their industry's self-regulation rules and continued to export greyhounds to Macau for several more years.

Four Corners Investigation (2015)

In February 2015, *ABC's Four Corners* aired a documentary entitled *Making a Killing*. The program documented "live baiting," a gruesome practice in which small alive animals are sacrificed to train young greyhounds to chase. Despite industry claims that the practice was outlawed and not in use, *ABC's* undercover footage revealed what is one of the darkest and most secret sides of dog racing in Australia. In response, greyhound racing regulators suspended twenty-two people, but the *Four Corners* evidence revealed the practice is much wider in scale, amounting to organised cruelty and systematic cheating and illegal activities.^{xxi}

Undercover investigators discovered live baiting rings operating across the country, undetected by industry state regulators. "King of Greyhound Racing" Darren McDonald, for example, sent his dogs to "breaking in center" Wilshire Park in the Greater Western Sydney area in New South Wales, operated by Zeke Kadir.^{xxii} An additional live baiting ring in New South Wales was uncovered just before *ABC* went to air.

Investigative journalist Caro Meldrum-Hanna describes the ramifications of the *Four Corners* footage as "unquantifiable," with thousands of dead animals, thousands of races and tens of millions of dollars wagered all impacted. Regulators chose to remain silent when provided with interview requests from *ABC*.^{xxiii}

Getting a dog to chase is the most important part of a young hound's training, and the fate of Australian greyhounds lies in how well they chase the lure as a pup. Live baiting is believed to increase the prey drive of a young dog and to still be in widespread use.

Aftermath of Four Corners Investigation (2015-2016)

Following the live baiting revelations, several companies swiftly severed ties with greyhound racing.^{xxiv} Animals Australia and Animal Liberation Queensland took legal action to rescue and find homes for all affected animals, and demanded strong new regulations and reduced breeding.^{xxv} Additional properties were raided, more whistleblowers came forward and dozens of industry participants resigned, were suspended, arrested and charged with animal cruelty.^{xxvi}

Despite several scandals, Greyhound Racing NSW approved the use of animal skins to "educate" their dogs on April 22.^{xxvii}

New South Wales' McHugh report concluded that overbreeding was leading to the destruction of thousands of New South Wales greyhounds. Adoption groups could not keep pace with the number of greyhounds produced.^{xxviii}

In August 2015, the *Newcastle Herald* reported on Greyhound Racing New South Wales' commissioned report developed by Working Dog Alliance Australia. The report recommended improvements on participant education, dog rearing and training methods, socialisation for greyhounds, the development of digital record-keeping across states and territories and for all lures to be synthetic.^{xxix} Days later, as in Queensland, the McHugh report discovered about 30% of New South Wales greyhounds disappear within their first year of birth, with a further 10% going missing from records after being named, bringing the total disappeared to 40% of all NSW greyhounds.^{xxx}

On August 30, 2015, *ABC News* disclosed Greyhound Racing New South Wales' internal documents revealing cover-ups, tip-offs and mismanagement. Senior greyhound racing administrators actively strategised ways in which they could downplay live baiting in the days before the *Four Corners* program was set to air.^{xxxi}

Later in September, the first public hearing on the NSW McHugh Report revealed as many as 17,000 greyhounds are killed in Australia each year because they are too slow, and that up to 90% of trainers used live baiting. A 2010 internal GRNSW report revealed the regulator knew about live baiting taking place. Mr. McHugh said he would consider shutting down the industry, and his assisting counsel, Stephen Rushton SC, said anything less than a ban would be unacceptable.^{xxxii}

In October 2015, to prevent any more mass killing of greyhounds, GREY2K USA Worldwide called on NSW Premier Mike Baird to establish a system to track all dogs from cradle to grave.^{xxxiii}

In November 2015, *ABC News* reported that NSW trainer Alexander Verhagen told the inquiry that he would use unqualified “muscle men” to manipulate his dogs’ muscles and get a council ranger to destroy unwanted dogs because veterinarians were too expensive.^{xxxiv}

In December 2015, Caro Meldrum-Hanna and Sam Clark reported on the continued export of ‘slow’ Australian greyhounds to Macau.^{xxxv} Following the report, Qantas Airlines agreed to no longer fly greyhounds to Asia.^{xxxvi} In June 2016, GRNSW charged 179 trainers and owners with engaging in unauthorised exports of greyhounds to Macau.^{xxxvii}

In March 2016, Natalie O’Brien reported that ten greyhounds per week were being killed or euthanised after racing on NSW tracks and one in two dogs that raced is expected to suffer an injury.^{xxxviii}

Greyhound Racing Banned in New South Wales (2016)

On July 7, 2016, NSW Premier Mike Baird announced NSW would become the first Australian state to shut down greyhound racing after a Special Commission of Inquiry found overwhelming evidence of systemic animal cruelty, including mass greyhound killings and live baiting. The report found that between 48,000 and 68,000 greyhounds, at least half of all greyhounds bred to race, were killed in the past twelve years because they were deemed uncompetitive. NSW Deputy Premier Troy Grant summarised, “NSW is the first Australian state to ban greyhound racing but, as Mr. McHugh notes, we are following in the footsteps of so many jurisdictions across the United States and the world which have banned greyhound racing to protect animal welfare.”^{xxxix}

ABC News’ coverage additionally highlighted that GRNSW’s policy of deliberately misreporting the number of dog deaths and injuries as well as the determination that the industry is not capable of reforming over the short or medium term factored in the decision. In Premier Baird’s words, “It’s not something that has been taken lightly. But when confronted with Justice McHugh’s report, I believe there is no other alternative...As you will see when you go through the report, he [Mr. McHugh] has shone the light on an industry that has overseen the slaughter of tens of thousands of healthy dogs whose only crime was they weren’t fast enough.”^{xl}

Immediately following the July 7 announcement, the RSPCA called for a national ban on greyhound racing.^{xli} *The Canberra Times’* editorial board hailed Premier Baird’s decision as tough but necessary.^{xlii} ACT Chief Minister Andrew Barr confirmed he would be banning the greyhound racing industry in Canberra, noting the ACT government can no longer support a greyhound racing industry that has turned a blind eye to animal cruelty for too long.^{xliii}

On July 14, a former GRNSW veterinarian confirmed with *ABC News* that he supported the ban on greyhound racing, said dog deaths and injuries were routinely covered up and that what he witnessed showed the sport is incapable of cleaning itself up.^{xliv} Reported on July 15, a *Lateline* poll found that 82% of Australians favoured completely shutting down the greyhound racing industry.^{xlv}

On July 19, *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported on a report by senior barrister Clive Stein, SC, in which investigators found that at least 99 ‘underperforming’ greyhounds were brutally killed and buried in a mass grave at a Hunter Valley property because they were ‘of no further use’.^{xlvi} On July 22, it was revealed that a NSW greyhound trainer used an electric cattle prod on a greyhound.^{xlvii}

In August, the New South Wales Upper House and Legislative Assembly passed a bill to ban greyhound racing in NSW.^{xlviii} Following the NSW parliament’s overwhelming passage of the legislation to ban greyhound racing in NSW, the Canberra greyhound racing industry was told it has no future in ACT.^{xlix}

NSW Premier Mike Baird’s ‘Backflip’ (2016)

In October 2016, NSW Premier Mike Baird ditched banning greyhound racing, and instead pursued a policy of fewer races, fewer tracks and a suite of tougher animal welfare measures.^l On the same day, a NSW greyhound trainer was charged with animal cruelty offences related to the live baiting of greyhounds. Sean Nicholls of the *Sydney Morning Herald* characterised Baird’s ‘backflip’ as “embarrassing”.^{li}

Melanie Kembrey with *The Sydney Morning Herald* reported that Baird had dinner with Alan Jones on the eve of the ‘backflip’.^{lii} *Crikey’s* Bernard Keane reported that as *The Daily Telegraph* raged against Baird’s greyhound racing ban, its parent company *News Corp* was buying gambling website punters.com.au.^{liii}

The Cruelty Continues Unabated (2017-2022)

In March 2017, Christopher Knaus reported that a NSW greyhound owner put down six young, healthy dogs within three weeks of obtaining them, one of several such cases. These revelations prompted a renewed push by the NSW Greens for a breeding cap and stronger penalties for those who kill healthy greyhounds.^{liv} In June, four prominent NSW greyhound participants were unmasked as the key players in a lucrative scheme involving the large-scale exportation of unwanted greyhounds to Asia.^{lv} In August, a

leading NSW greyhound trainer was banned for 15 years for engaging in the “systematic” killing of underperforming dogs and dumping their bodies in mass graves near Cessnock.^{lvi}

In January 2018, Christopher Knaus reported that greyhound deaths were occurring at a rate seen before the NSW repealed ban, with Greens MP Mehreen Faruqi confirming 707 greyhounds died unnecessarily in just the eight months since repeal.^{lvii} In June, NSW greyhound breeders and trainers expressed that reforms such as an enforceable animal welfare code, stewards at every race to monitor the welfare of dogs and traceability of all greyhounds and breeders could ultimately destroy the industry.^{lviii}

In July, another NSW greyhound mass grave was uncovered; this mass grave was found in Marsden Park, western Sydney, with nine deceased greyhounds found in a state of decay.^{lix} Also in July, Nigel Gladstone reported that the number of NSW greyhounds that are killed and injured while racing was now higher than at any time since records began in 2016.^{lx}

In August, industry records obtained by *The Guardian Australia* revealed greyhounds are killed instead of adopted because of ‘temperament,’ where a death sentence was handed out for reasons such as being “too timid,” “too noisy,” “anxious and fearful,” hating cats and chasing lizards.^{lxi} Also reported in August, documents obtained by the NSW Greens revealed nearly 400 racing greyhounds were killed between April 2017 and May 2018 for injuries such as fractured bones and muscle tears, with an NSW veterinarian confirming all these killings were economic decisions because a dog who can no longer race is worthless to owners.^{lxii} Later in August, the NSW government handed out \$700,000 in taxpayers’ money to help ACT greyhound trainers continue the practice across the border.^{lxiii}

In May 2019, Greens Senator Mehreen Faruqi obtained figures showing that, nine months after the NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission was established, almost 40% of racing greyhounds were leaving the industry dead either from disease, injury or being killed by racing participants. Of the 1,773 greyhounds leaving the industry during this time period, 660 were dead. Senator Faruqi further added that there is no way of knowing how many greyhounds leave the industry alive on paper but are put down straight after, citing the fact that the industry counts dogs dumped on council pounds as ‘retired’. She concluded that greyhounds continue to die while there is no evidence of a greyhound register, lifetime tracking or a breeding cap—all stipulations promised when Baird ‘backflipped’.^{lxiv}

In October 2019, *The Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds* released an analysis estimating more than 4,000 dogs a year were disappearing in NSW.^{lxv}

Paige Cockburn reported the same in February 2020: more than three years after the NSW Government promised to clean up the greyhound racing industry, greyhounds were still disappearing in large number and feared dead in mass graves. Because the NSW independent regulator, GWIC, cannot conduct welfare checks on greyhounds exiting the industry, they cannot keep tabs on retired dogs that are resultantly falling through the cracks. And data from the previous ten years showed that an average of 5,700 greyhounds are bred in NSW each year versus only 2,000 that are adopted. Per Dennis Anderson, the late-President of the *Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds*, “The McHugh inquiry wanted whole-of-life tracking, but the Government has interpreted that meant whole of life as long as you are racing”.^{lxvi}

In June 2020, Bernard Keane reported on how NSW’s new greyhound ‘welfare’ code would water down existing greyhound welfare requirements and make it permissible to confine greyhounds to cages at all times. Keane went on to note that the code does not address “whole of life tracking” either, amounting to a broken promise and making it easy for trainers to kill greyhounds they deem surplus to requirements.^{lxvii} In August, Senator Faruqi again highlighted that, along with hundreds of on-track injuries and deaths every year, there is no tracing of dogs that die off-track.^{lxviii}

In June 2021, Peter FitzSimons reported that nearly all the major welfare recommendations from the McHugh and subsequent Greyhound Industry Review panel reports had been wiped out. These reports recommended a puppy bond to be put forward by each trainer and redeemed when a greyhound was adopted and the industry to fund its own oversight body. Instead, no puppy bond exists, and the oversight body is taxpayer-funded. FitzSimons also commented on the continuous rise of injuries and deaths in NSW and how, of the 441 NSW greyhounds that ‘left’ the industry between January and March 2021, 153 did so in a body bag.^{lxix}

Conclusion

The evidence is clear: the model of the greyhound racing industry consists of overbreeding dogs in pursuit of the fastest among them. All of the greyhounds produced that are not of present or predicted future value are a negative asset and a financial liability. Worthless greyhounds in NSW, Australia and worldwide are disposed of in a myriad of ways because the economic model requires it.

When NSW came to terms with this reality in 2016, lawmakers made the only just and reasonable decision – to ban greyhound racing. Unfortunately, this ban never made it into practice. However, the same issues that have always plagued greyhound racing continue to date. Greyhounds are still overbred, are still not adequately traced and they are still being killed in sizable number - before they reach the track, while they are at the track and after they leave the track.

We ask that you reinstate the ban on greyhound racing to spare the lives of tens of thousands of greyhounds, and that you adopt sensible reforms to stop the cruelty and suffering during the phase out of this industry.

The direct suffering inflicted on animals by the greyhound racing industry, the well-known negative social impacts of problem gambling and the fact that the regulators have repeatedly failed these gentle, noble dogs should be enough reason for a responsible government to put an end to this industry and finally give greyhounds the protection they deserve.

On behalf of our 150,000 supporters across the globe, GREY2K USA Worldwide urges you to accept our seven proposed enhancements to the Animal Welfare Bill 2022 (NSW).

Thank you for this opportunity to share our concerns and recommendations.

Sincerely,

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- ^{ix} Philip Conneller, "Greyhound Breeder Still Racing Despite Admitting to Illegal 'Live Lure' Training," *Casino.org*, February 9, 2022, <https://www.casino.org/news/greyhound-breeder-still-racing-despite-admitting-to-live-lure-training/>.
- ^x Natalie O'Brien, "Allegations prompt inquiry into greyhound industry," *Sydney Morning Herald*, August 28, 2013, <https://www.smh.com.au/national/nsw/allegations-prompt-inquiry-into-greyhound-industry-20130827-2soea.html>.
- ^{xi} Dr. Humphries exposed the corruption, though he remarked in 2013 that little had changed in the ensuing decade. He concluded that GRNSW needs to be overhauled (Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, "Greyhound racing industry hit with doping, cruelty, collusion allegations," October 16, 2013, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-16-13ABC.pdf>).
- ^{xii} Humphries added that many race officials are close friends with the competitors, have no formal qualifications and are often heavy gamblers (Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, "Greyhound racing industry hit with doping, cruelty, collusion allegations," October 16, 2013, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-16-13ABC.pdf>).
- ^{xiii} Landa told *Four Corners*, "I was obstructed almost from the start with Greyhound Racing [NSW]. They simply did not want oversight" (Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, "Greyhound racing industry hit with doping, cruelty, collusion allegations," October 16, 2013, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-16-13ABC.pdf>).
- ^{xiv} "Save the Grey Hound," *7 News*, July 16, 2011, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DrgOoUlm7wA>.
- ^{xv} The launch of the international campaign included Sydney Greyhound Rescue and GREY2K USA Worldwide. Following reports that 383 greyhounds were killed at the Macau Canidrome in 2010 when injured or no longer profitable, and given that the track did not have an adoption program, campaign leaders felt that "Australian dog racing's dirty little secrets" needed to be exposed. GREY2K USA sent a letter to the Canidrome asking for the return of greyhound, Brooklyn, to Australia, and Sydney Greyhound Rescue agreed to rehome him (Charis Chang, "Aussie exit for Brooklyn," *Manly Daily*, December 6, 2011, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/ManlyDailyBrooklyn.pdf>).
- ^{xvi} Dr. Kaye denoted the industry was in crisis. Kaye highlighted animal welfare scandals, shonky management practices, criminal involvement, public loss of confidence and too many dogs injured and destroyed each year.
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- ^{xviii} Rubinsztein-Dunlop noted that insiders say many more cheats go undetected. Trainers believe greyhound racing authorities favor the rich and dole out inconsistent punishment, resulting in an industry that never had and never would have an even playing field. According to one trainer, 80% of trainers are looking for something with which to dope their dogs. Following the two-year disqualification of rising star Mark Azzopardi, whose greyhound Transcend Time tested positive for cocaine, a whistleblower explained that cocaine is a popular choice among cheats. A Sydney veterinarian explained his Sydney clinic had been approached by trainers seeking EPO. Leading Victorian trainer Graeme Bate's dog, Gunda Bale, tested positive for an elevated testosterone level at Geelong in March, following four previous Bate positives (Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, "Greyhound racing industry hit with doping, cruelty, collusion allegations," October 16, 2013, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-16-13ABC.pdf>).
- ^{xix} It was reported that dogs injured on the track are often killed, and that thousands more never make it to the track as they are not cut out for racing. The industry calls the euthanized dogs wastage, and dogs are shot or hammered in the head or, according to industry insiders, sometimes drowned. RSPCA scientific officer Dr. Jade Norris described a relentless quest for a winner resulting in a massive breeding industry, and thousands of greyhounds surplus to industry requirements are bred each year. 40% of greyhounds bred in Australia do not go on to race. A minimum of 3,000 greyhounds, an estimate provided by GRNSW, are euthanized each year, though Norris considered this a possible underestimate. A lack of national published data makes it impossible to know exact death figures (Sean Rubinsztein-Dunlop, "Greyhound racing industry hit with doping, cruelty, collusion allegations," October 16, 2013, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-16-13ABC.pdf>).
- ^{xx} *Greyhounds Australasia* cited the fact that Macau "does not meet contemporary animal welfare standards". Australia was the sole source of greyhounds racing in Macau. Australian trainers sold dogs to individual owners for up to HK\$50,000 despite knowing that the Canidrome euthanized all greyhounds once their short racing career was over (Simon Parry, "Greyhounds Australasia bans racing dog exports to Macau track," *South China Morning Post*, March 30, 2014, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/3-30-14China.pdf>).
- ^{xxi} *Four Corners* began its coverage by noting that, "Scores of owners and trainers, including some of the biggest names in the business, are secretly bleeding their dogs with live bait... Acting on information from Four Corners and undercover footage from Animal Liberation Queensland and Animals Australia, the RSPCA and police raided training tracks in three states last week" ("Making a Killing," *ABC*, February 16, 2015, <https://www.abc.net.au/4corners/making-a-killing/6127124>).
- ^{xxii} Kadir is known to be the best live baiter in New South Wales. Kadir confirmed his links with McDonald while speaking with an undercover investigator, and he openly discussed that he gets thirty live rabbits per week to break in dogs.
- ^{xxiii} Greyhound Racing New South Wales, Greyhound Racing Victoria and Greyhound Racing Queensland refused interview requests. They deferred to Greyhounds Australasia. Scott Parker, CEO of Greyhounds Australasia, denied that live baiting was a systemic problem.
- ^{xxiv} Autobarn, Bendigo Bank, Mazda, Macro Meats and Schweppes withdrew sponsorship mere days after the footage aired ("Schweppes severs greyhound racing links," *Australian Associated Press*, February 19, 2015, <https://www.9news.com.au/national/schweppes-severs-greyhound-racing-links/3d3c1b5d-4602-4b68-9f5e-45c3452954e3>).
- ^{xxv} Reporting following the expose also discussed the scores of greyhounds discarded by the industry and "donated" to the vivisection industry in exchange for a tax write-off (Michael Mountain, "Greyhound Shock Angers Australians," *Earth in Transition*, February 26, 2015, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/2-26-15.pdf>).
- ^{xxvi} Michael Mountain, "Greyhound Shock Angers Australians," *Earth in Transition*, February 26, 2015, <https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/2-26-15.pdf>.
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- ^{xxviii} Commissioner Michael McHugh considered his findings of the significant number of dogs put down because they are deemed unsuitable for racing "raise[d] a question as to the continued viability, and appropriateness, of the sport" (Marie Hogg, "Overbreeding leads to surplus greyhounds destroyed as 'wastage' inquiry told," *The Daily Telegraph*, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/6-9-2015_The_Daily_Telegraph.pdf).
- ^{xxix} New Gardens Greyhound Racing Club CEO David Kiernan responded that the recommendations would make racing greyhounds more expensive but that "for our industry to survive with community expectations regarding welfare... I think times have changed and the industry realises that". Kiernan, however, rejected measures to restrict breeding (Craig Kerry, "Gradens chief says industry must adapt or perish," *Newcastle Herald*, August 10, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/8-10-2015_Newcastle_Herald.pdf).
- ^{xxx} In 2013, 7,562 greyhounds pups were whelped in New South Wales, but only 4,768 were ever named (Jessica Brown, "About 40% of greyhounds bred to race in NSW go missing," *The Maitland Mercury*, August 12, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/8-12-2015_The_Maitland_Mercury.pdf).
- ^{xxxi} Former GRNSW CEO Brent Hogan discussed with staff ways to spin the live baiting scandal, including the establishment of a bogus task force to "charm [each state] minister [and] win over local media". In response, Greens MP John Kaye told the ABC, "It's very clear that what they established was nothing but a public

relations exercise. It was never designed to get to the bottom of the story, it was never designed to really disclose the deep-seated problems in the greyhound racing industry". The internal documents revealed GRNSW staffers thwarting attempts by the RSPCA to raid and catch live baiters by tipping them off beforehand. A current GRNSW steward and an Integrity Officer attended an NSW property to personally engage in live baiting. GRNSW staffers also exchanged emails regarding instances in which greyhounds were administered alcohol in order to rig races (Caro Meldrum-Hanna and Sam Clark, "Greyhound live baiting: Internal documents reveal cover-ups, tip-offs and mismanagement inside NSW racing regulator, ABC News, August 30, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/8-30-2015_ABC_News.pdf).

^{xxxii} The euthanasia figures, amounting to up to 96% of all greyhounds, came from an internal Greyhounds Australasia memo. The number of greyhounds adopted or retained by owners was found to be "statistically insignificant". Assisting counsel Stephen Rushton asked why an industry prepared to use small, vulnerable, helpless animals to blood its dogs in pursuit of money would care about overbreeding and the destruction of greyhounds surplus to industry needs. He concluded that GRNSW should "get their running shoes on". Two Sydney trainers conceded 85-90% of all trainers live bait or hire others to live bait their greyhounds (Patrick Bagley, "Greyhound inquiry hears up to 90 per cent of trainers used live baiting," *The Sydney Morning Herald*, September 28, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/9-28-2015_The_Sydney_Morning_Herald.pdf; Michelle Brown, "Greyhound industry kills up to 17,000 young dogs, warned about being shut down, inquiry hears," ABC News, September 29, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/9-28-2015_ABC_News.pdf).

^{xxxiii} Natalie O'Brien, "Call for cradle to the grave tracking of greyhounds to prevent mass killings," *The Sydney Morning Herald*, October 11, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/10-11-2015_The_Sydney_Morning_Herald.pdf.

^{xxxiv} Ranger at Kempsey Shire Council, Robert Watson, would destroy the dogs for free as part of a council service. Verhagen said GRNSW did not enforce the rule that dogs must be euthanized by veterinarians, and that he submitted paperwork to GRNSW stating his dogs were destroyed by Watson. Watson estimated he had put down 100 greyhounds in the past year (Alison Branley, "Greyhound racing inquiry: Trainer got council ranger to destroy dogs as it was cheaper than vet," ABC News, November 16, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/11-16-2015_ABC_News.pdf).

^{xxxv} A six month investigation identified dozens of Australian trainers and owners who exported their dogs to Asia. Monthly shipments of 30 Australian greyhounds replaced underperforming dogs that would be euthanized (Caro Meldrum-Hanna and Sam Clark, "'Slow' Australian greyhounds being exported to Macau, China to go on 'death row'," ABC News, December 9, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/2015.12.09_ABC_News.pdf).

^{xxxvi} "Qantas Will No Longer Fly Racing Greyhounds To Asia," *The Huffington Post*, December 12, 2015, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/2015.12.12_Huffington_Post_Australia.pdf.

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^{xxxviii} Injury data released by GRNSW indicated up to one in eight dogs are likely to die or be subsequently euthanized as a result of injuries. "It is worse than anyone thought – when it is broken down to the individual risk," said one veterinarian. Racing stewards were told to "desist" from providing too much detailed information about injuries and deaths of the dogs (Natalie O'Brien, "Ten greyhounds a week are being killed or euthanised after racing on NSW tracks," *The Sydney Morning Herald*, March 13, 2016, https://files.grey2kusa.org/pdf/2016.03.13_Blayney_Chronicle.pdf).

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