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No transparency for greyhounds As *Crikey* has reported over an extended period, state governments and industry associations are happy to feign concern about the welfare of dogs in the brutal greyhound exploitation “sport” while doing nothing to curb the more egregious outrages in the sector and throwing taxpayer money at an unviable sport.

One of the ways racing bodies have pretended to give a stuff about welfare has been to set up schemes to fund vet bills for dogs injured during races — something industry bodies in several states announced in the wake of the exposure of the industry by *Four Corners* in 2015. But finding anything out about how these schemes is nearly impossible.

The group Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds (CPG) collated what data there is on the schemes and discovered virtually none of them have ever reported on what money has been spent. The NSW scheme, for example, was set up in 2018-19 but has never reported any expenditure.

Queensland [had a scheme for two years](#), never reported anything about it, then announced a new scheme in June. Victoria and South Australia set up schemes in 2018 and 2016 respectively and have never reported on them. CPG suspects this is because trainers still find it far cheaper to kill an injured dog than to treat it; the NSW scheme, for example, only offers \$2500 when it can cost \$4000 or more to treat a

dog with a broken limb.

[Only WA bothers to report](#) — and only after CPG called them out earlier this year. Meanwhile, there is little interest in basic things that would make this horrific industry a little less brutal, like reducing the numbers of dogs in a race and running them on straight tracks.
