

HELP US CLOSE THE CANIDROME

The Canidrome is China's only access to a legal greyhound race track located in casino capital, Macau. It houses up to 730 greyhounds, delivered from Australia. They kill around 30 each month once injured or failing to win 5 times consecutively. Only six greyhounds have ever left The Canidrome alive. Every single greyhound there is literally running for their lives. The Canidrome must be shut down.

The facts

- Failed Australian bred competitors are given a 'second chance' at racing and imported from Australia to be auctioned off in Macau
- 283 greyhounds were **killed** last year for failing to win or from track injuries
- There are 18 races held 5 nights a week, going against the tracks contract to hold only 12 races on 160 days a year.
- The Canidrome is the worlds most dangerous track with the rate of injuries as high as 20%
- 699 greyhounds currently living at The Canidrome track kennels, 'exercising' and socialising on property
- Casinos pay 40% tax of their gross income but The Canidrome only pays 25% and profits made at the auctions of Australian greyhounds is tax free
- After two years of local charity ANIMA urging the Canidrome to set up an active adoption program, only 4-6 greyhounds have been adopted and left the track.
- There are 9 kennels holding 60-80 greyhounds, a 10th kennel is where they place a select few to 'retire' and not euthanise, reasons unknown

(data taken from The Canidrome website correct at Dec 2015)



#bringjackhome

Jack is a two year old red fawn greyhound male born into a litter of eight in NSW. He is the only one deemed certain death since being sent to The Canidrome in 2015. Six of his siblings raced in WA and have secured rescue places with GAPWA. Another sibling, Millie, was actually the first to be rescued, at 11 weeks of age due to an injured paw and she now wears a prosthetic. The other sibling to be rescued here in Sydney was Sav, who has recently found her forever home!

Last year Jack was bought by the Glengarrie trial track in NSW then transported and sold with dozens of others to The Canidrome at one of 2 auctions occurring each week. They sold Jack for 6 times the price his trainer received when he was originally sold to the track. Jack has raced well since June 2015, injuring himself once. With the help of Albano from ANIMA, we've asked to stop his eventual euthanasia and to adopt him when finished, but we have had no reply.

A campaign called #bringjackhome began with the intention of saving Jack from death and raising awareness to the public about the current situation in Macau. You can follow the campaign on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/bringjackhometoaustralia> plus share/discuss to keep raising awareness and place pressure on Macau to shut it down.



She yearns attention at track kennels

Photo credit: Animals Australia

Latest news

- 01/20/2016: GGR Asia - Gross revenue from greyhound racing - declined 13.8 percent in the 12 months to December 31.

The track continues to loose money yet the Macau authorities make allowances to support their profit.

- 12/2015: Qantas - Qantas Will No Longer Fly Racing Greyhounds To Asia

Thank you to Qantas and Cathay Pacific (who apparently never has sent racing greyhounds) but it is still legal to send a racing greyhound thanks to Barnaby Joyce. It will only be a matter of time before they find other ways of exporting greyhounds to Macau.

- 12/09/2015: ABC 7.30 Report - 'Slow' Australian greyhounds being exported to Macau, China to go on 'death row'

Thanks to Animals Australia, undercover footage was recorded and broadcasted to Australia. Please watch the footage and bring it up with friends, family and colleagues. It must be talked about. Awareness and communication will help shut it down.

This is the truth:

<http://www.abc.net.au/7.30/content/2015/s4369266.htm>

What we propose

- For Federal Minister of Agriculture Barnaby Joyce to stop the export of racing or breeding greyhounds to Asia or countries with little or no animal cruelty laws
- For the Macau Chief Executive to close The Canidrome and free up the land for the local community to utilise for public housing, public car parks etc
- For The Canidrome to allow the adoption of all greyhounds currently housed in their kennels with the help of rescue group ANIMA in Macau, other rescues in Hong Kong and the support of international welfare groups such as GREY2K USA

How to take action

- <http://www.rspca.org.au/greyhound-exports>
- http://www.animalsaustralia.org/take_action/petitions/shut-macau-canidrome
- <http://alq.org.au/close-the-canidrome>
- <https://www.change.org/p/chief-executive-chui-sai-on-stop-hundreds-of-greyhounds-from-being-raced-to-death>



Greyhounds at The Canidrome

Photo credit: South China Morning Post