



WHY GREYHOUNDS???

by Senator Mehreen Faruqi, Greens Party

People often ask me why I'm focused on fighting against greyhound racing.

The simple answer is that once you know the industry's dirty secrets you can't un-know them.

Greyhounds are drugged with amphetamines, ketamine and steroids. Their treatable injuries become a death sentence. They are deemed "unsuitable to be rehomed" and are put down when they are no longer profitable.

WE MUST BAN GREYHOUND RACING

I'm fighting hard to end greyhound racing. Now I need your help to remain a voice for animal welfare in the federal Senate.

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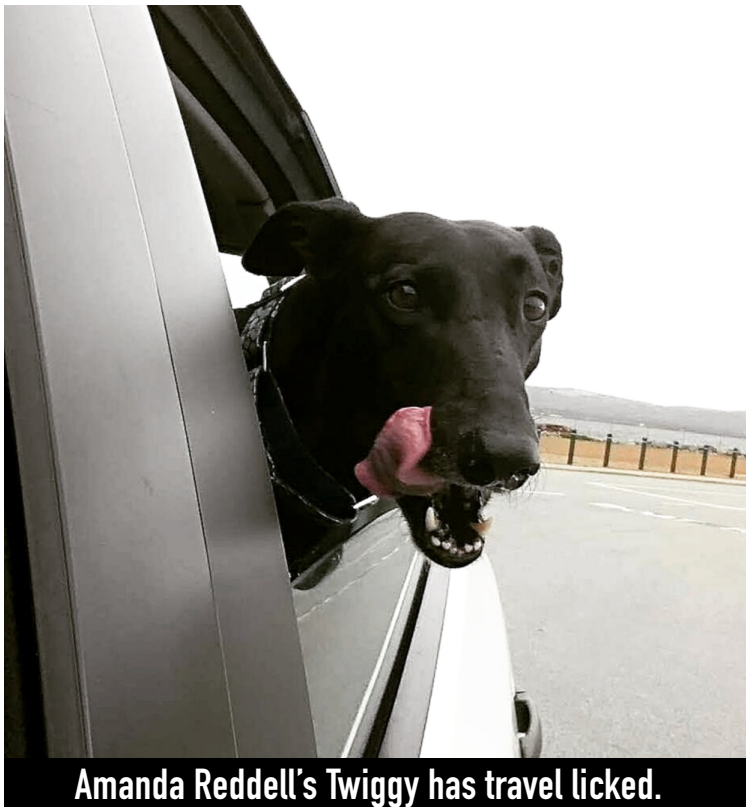


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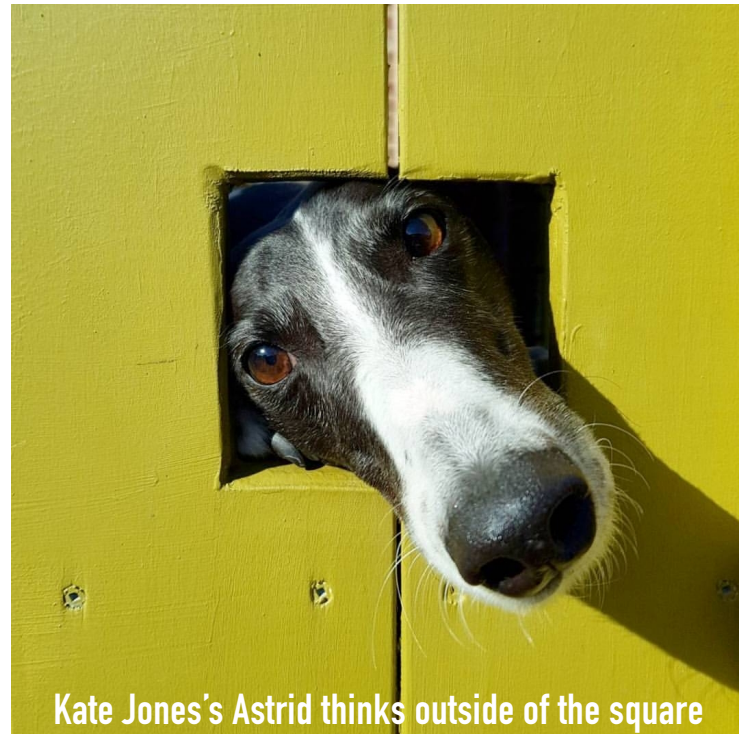
But most of all, once you see first-hand the mental and physical scars a rescued greyhound carries you know that racing has to end.

We all have seen rescued greyhounds come out of racing scared, nervous and anxious. After a few months or even sometimes a few years, and with healthy doses of love and patience, you see their true personality shine through and how much love they have to offer. This is why I believe we don't have a choice. We cannot give up on them. Cosmo, my rescue greyhound, reminds me every day of the plight of the hundreds who are still forced to endure the cruelty of the racing industry.

I joined NSW Parliament in 2013 and had the honour of sitting alongside a great man and a dear friend, Dr John Kaye. Dr Kaye led the charge against greyhound racing by



Amanda Reddell's Twigg has travel licked.



Kate Jones's Astrid thinks outside of the square

establishing a NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into the industry back in 2013.

Sadly, cancer claimed John before he could see the Special Commission of Inquiry hand down its findings that showed that dog racing was inherently cruel as it couldn't exist without the continued deaths of thousands of greyhounds. The Liberal government had no choice but to announce a ban in NSW. Sadly, bloodthirsty political opportunism from the Labor party and political cowardice from the Liberals and Nationals saw the infamous backflip before the ban had even kicked in.

It is easy to look back on this time and feel disappointed and frustrated, but at the end of the day, it is up to us to stand up for animals.

Our movement is big and it's growing. Every day our community of people and our beloved greys continues to grow because we all want to

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see an end to brutal dog racing (I don't dignify it with the word sport!). We want to see an end to the deaths that we see week in and week out. We want to see an end to the cruelty. We want to see an end to the injuries and the drugging. We know that the only way to do this is to shut it down.

It won't be easy. We are up against a disgusting coalition of animal cruelty in the Labor Party, the Murdoch media, the gambling industry and the Liberal and the National parties. In my home state of NSW, public money is now subsidising greyhound racing. We pay for their regulation with taxpayer money. We pay for their track refurbishments. We even pay for their prize money, most notably when the Liberals took half a million dollars that had previously been set aside to fix war memorials and put it into the disgusting "million dollar chase".

When the Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission (GWIC) was established, we were told it was a new era of animal welfare in greyhound racing. Less than a month later, we found out about the Marsden Park death pits where nine greyhound bodies were found in a mass grave and 12 starving and diseased greyhounds were seized by the RSPCA.

In January, Greyhound Racing NSW handed down a paltry penalty of two years' suspension from racing to those involved in the death of the greyhound Better Cruise at Wagga. Better

Cruise was euthanased by a vet in his trainers' car while the trainers' kids were inside the car watching a TV show. Better Cruises' crime was "failure to pursue".

Does this sound like an industry that is even trying to change? Despite the desperate promises, nothing has changed, and nothing will change.

Let's not forget, the movement to end this cruelty is global. Just a few months ago, Florida took the courageous step of banning greyhound racing, making Australia one of the dwindling places on earth where greyhound racing is legal. The public overwhelmingly wants to ban greyhound racing. It's the politicians who are letting us down.

When the ban was overturned I said to myself that I had to save a life from this dirty industry and adopted my beautiful Cosmo. He means everything to me and I will keep fighting until all greyhounds are free to run for fun, not for their lives. If I am re-elected to the Senate in this Federal election, I will continue to be a voice for our beautiful greys and all the people who want to end the cruelty of greyhound racing.



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