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Family fun One of the tactics used by the greyhound racing industry in recent years to launder its reputation has been to try to convince people it is a “family” sport.

Maitland Greyhounds tells us Monday night is “the perfect time for a family night out”. [Dubbo Greyhound Racing invites](#) us to “Enjoy a night at the greyhounds with the family”, including a New Year’s Eve event last year [with a “free jumping castle” for the kids](#) and \$3 beers for mum and dad. Tamworth Greyhound Racing [summoned locals to a “family fun day” last year](#), complete with [Rodney the aptly blood-coloured nightmare Clown](#).



Last week, Temora Greyhounds even called one of its races the

“Child Protection Week Stakes”. Some might think that what kids need protecting from is seeing racetrack accidents that leave dogs crippled and dead, because this taxpayer-subsidised industry won’t take even basic steps like straight race tracks and six-dog races.

So far this year [32 dogs have been killed](#) in this family-friendly “sport” in NSW, while over 300 have sustained major injuries and nearly 1800 have been injured. Fun for all the family...
