

LETHAL TRACKS

2025

A REPORT ON
AUSTRALIAN
TRACK-RELATED
DEATHS AND
INJURIES



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2025 was another horrific year on Australian greyhound racetracks.

On average, racing killed five dogs every week and injured 30 dogs every day.

The damning Drake Inquiry into the NSW greyhound racing industry confirmed that “greyhound racing involves an inherent risk of serious injury and death to dogs.”

The Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds (CPG) analysed every stewards’ report in every state and the Northern Territory to prove that this risk is unacceptable. Hundreds of dogs died in 2025 and thousands more were injured.

Many greyhounds were killed at the track. Many more died later after being taken away from the track with serious injuries.

Despite industry propaganda claiming that track safety has improved, the data tells a different story, one of broken bones, fractured skulls, and immense suffering.

Increased scrutiny revealed the falsehoods at the heart of the racing industry. The Drake Inquiry revealed that no NSW track meets minimum standards. The Q facility, described as the safest in Australia, has killed 23 dogs since trials started in March 2025, with the toll constantly growing.

In 2025 the campaign to end greyhound racing continued to build momentum.

Politicians could no longer ignore the public outcry over animal welfare issues both on and off the track. New Zealand, Wales, Scotland and Tasmania are moving closer to implementing bans.

Greyhound racing exists purely for gambling and is propped up by the taxpayer. Despite this, the industry is financially unsustainable, poorly managed and plagued by animal welfare issues.

This report focuses on track-related death and suffering. This is just one aspect of the brutality inflicted on racing greyhounds. To learn more, please see our website: greyhoundcoalition.com

*Two-year-old **Shirl's Rocket** was the first dog to die at a racetrack in 2025. She attempted to hurdle the running rail and suffered “catastrophic leg and spinal injuries” - on a new \$6m “super track”.*

RIP SHIRL'S ROCKET, KILLED TAREE, NSW



287

greyhounds
killed racing
in 2025

119

were killed at
the track

168

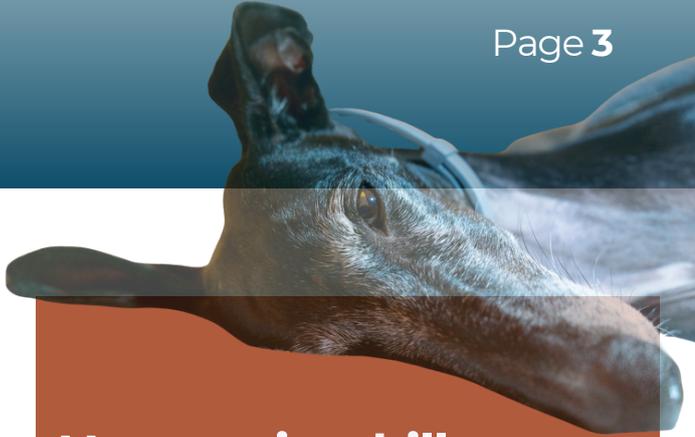
were removed from
the track after being
injured and died later

10,785

greyhound
racing injuries
in 2025

Sources: The data in this report regarding track-related deaths, injuries and associated events is drawn from CPG national tracking data, publicly available industry stewards’ reports and additional information from state racing bodies. Please see the notes on page 7 for more information.

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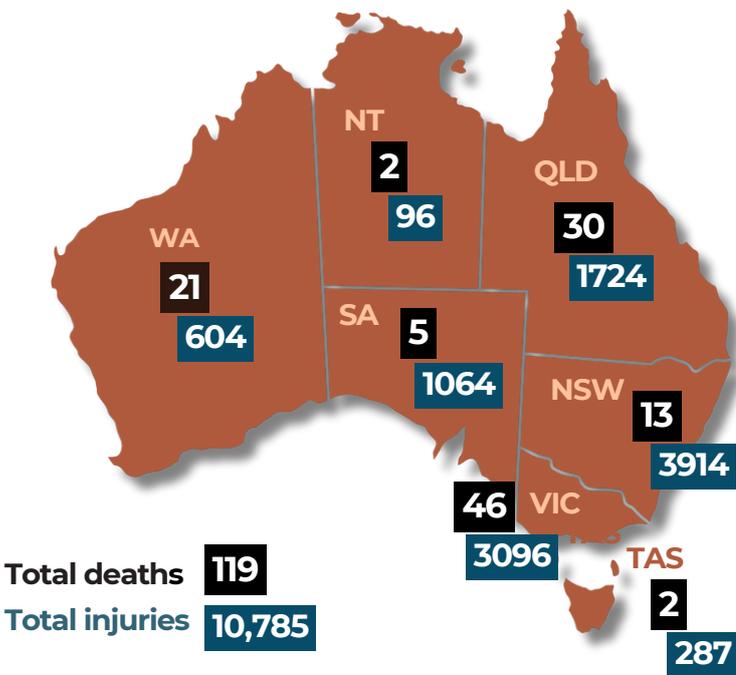


Greyhound racing deaths - on-track

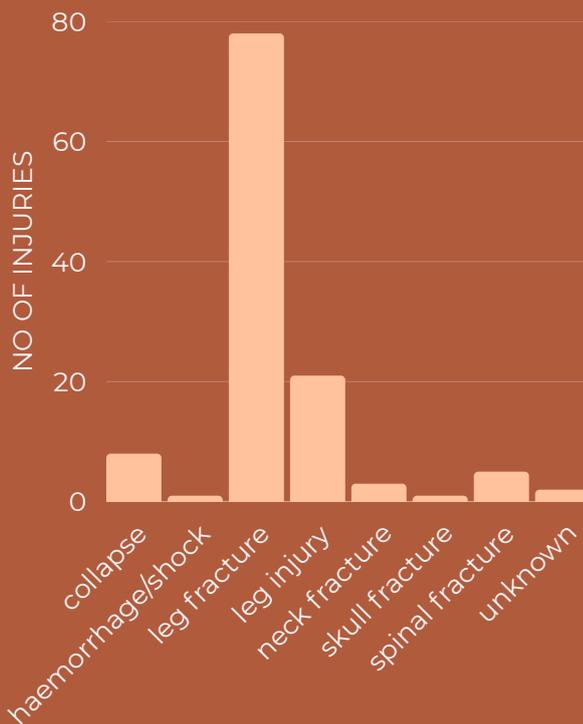
Stewards' reports confirmed that 119 greyhounds died at Australian tracks in 2025. Most of these were euthanasia for leg injuries, carried out by on-track industry vets.

Several dogs suffered horrific deaths with fractured necks, skulls or spines. Others collapsed after their races.

On-track deaths and injuries by state



How racing kills greyhounds



Three greyhounds were killed at Cannington, WA on 17 December 2025. **Tresor Drive** and **Rapido Warrior** suffered fractured legs. **Smile Time** (pictured) suffered a broken spine. They all fell after colliding with other dogs on the lethal first turn. All three were killed by the on-track industry vet.

RIP TRESOR DRIVE, RAPIDO WARRIOR & SMILE TIME, KILLED CANNINGTON, WA

The worst tracks - on-track deaths

Cannington WA	10	Mandurah WA	10
Q1/Q2 QLD	10	Ballarat VIC	7
Bendigo VIC	7	Ipswich QLD	6
Horsham VIC	6	Shepparton VIC	6
Albion Park QLD	5	Rockhampton QLD	5
Sandown Park VIC	5	Warragul VIC	5

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Greyhound racing deaths - off-track

It is difficult to measure the true greyhound racing death toll.

A huge number of greyhounds are injured in races and die away from the racetrack - a day or two, or weeks later.

Thanks to efforts by advocates, some states now reveal on- and off-track deaths.

In FY25, Greyhound Racing Victoria recorded 43 on-track and 47 off-track deaths. Greyhound Racing NSW recorded 16 on-track and 44 off-track deaths.

In its 2025 analysis, CPG recorded those dogs that died after suffering injuries with stand-downs of 60 days or more. These recovery periods are mainly imposed for leg fractures. Many other dogs appear to have been euthanased for less serious injuries and this requires further investigation.

Making it harder to confirm the fate of a greyhound, the GWIC* eTrac public database now conceals those dogs that are deceased.

There is also a critical gap in the reporting of injuries and deaths suffered by greyhounds at trials.

The figure of 168 off-track deaths recorded by CPG is conservative, and will likely increase as more dogs that were injured in late 2025 are destroyed.

* NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission

“while there is an appearance of reduced catastrophic injuries, these deaths may be occurring at a similar rate overall, but off-track in the period following racing, rather than on-track”

Report of the Drake Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW



*Less than two years old, **Perfect Shadows** had only three starts. She suffered a fractured leg at Hobart, Tasmania on 23 January 2025 and was given a 90 day stand-down. By 30 January 2025, Perfect Shadows was listed as deceased.*

**RIP PERFECT SHADOWS
KILLED HOBART, TASMANIA**

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Greyhound racing injuries

TOTAL INJURIES	MAJOR INJURIES*	SERIOUS INJURIES**
10,785	2,323	1,175

As the Drake Inquiry Report said, "Greyhound racing involves high intensity physical exertion often leading to serious injuries, particularly to the musculoskeletal system."

Every year, on average, more than 10,700 injuries occur on Australian greyhound tracks. Hundreds of legs are broken. The agony is immense.

On average in 2025, 30 greyhounds were injured every day.

Around one in five of these injuries was classified as major, or 'Category D'. Of these, 1,175 were considered life- or career-threatening. These included torn muscles, fractured bones and dislocations.

Only South Australia reveals how many individual greyhounds are injured at the track.

No state discloses the number of dogs scratched due to injury in their consolidated data. In the NSW Parliament, it was revealed that 623 dogs were scratched in one year due to injury, and not recorded in GWIC injury data.

*One-year-old **Metaphorical** suffered a fractured leg at The Meadows, Victoria on 28 June 2025. He was running at 66km/h when he was checked by another dog and fell. Metaphorical was given a 90 day stand-down. Two days later he was listed as deceased.*

**RIP METAPHORICAL,
KILLED THE MEADOWS, VICTORIA**

* Major Injuries are those classed as Category D, with stand-down periods of 28 days and more.

** Serious Injuries are those with 60-day and more stand-down periods.

The worst tracks

TOTAL INJURIES

Angle Park SA	528
Richmond NSW	512
Ballarat VIC	391
Q1 Lakeside QLD	385
Warragul VIC	379
Grafton NSW	344
Wentworth Park NSW	340
Bendigo VIC	331
Sale VIC	307
Shepparton VIC	303
Mandurah WA	299
Healesville VIC	286



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The dangerous myth of “safe” tracks

For years the racing industry has claimed that old tracks can be made safe and new tracks are even safer.

This myth was completely busted in 2025 after the opening of the much-promoted “The Q” centre (see at right).

The industry has captured politicians and convinced them to divert public money into greyhound racing. NSW governments gifted \$30m for “track upgrades”, but the Drake Inquiry found that no NSW track met minimum standards.

The **\$6m Taree NSW “super track”** and “centre of excellence” had to close for upgrade after two dogs died horrible deaths. There was no safety rail.

The **Bundaberg QLD track, upgraded for \$1.4m**, closed for safety concerns and taxpayers will now fork out \$4m for a new track.

Straight tracks are not the answer

The Drake Inquiry recommended that any new track should be a straight track, without the dangerous turns that harm so many dogs.

However, they are not the answer. **Australia’s straight tracks recorded 783 injuries in 2025.** The Healesville VIC straight track ranked sixth in the overall nationwide list of life-threatening injuries.

The “innovations” and “safety technology” touted by the industry, such as double-arm lures, appear to be worthless. Victoria uses these lures; the death toll is alarming.

THE Q

ABC NEWS

Greyhound racing suspended at Queensland's new \$85 million track due to unsafe conditions

BRISBANE TIMES

Racing suspended at Australia's 'deadliest' greyhound track

SUNDAY MAIL

Qld's new greyhound track 'world-class stuff-up'

The Q has become the symbol of everything wrong with Australian greyhound racing.

The three-track centre near Brisbane was promoted as “*the best greyhound facility in the world*” and “*the safest track in Australia*”.

The original \$39m cost blew out to \$90m, with \$44m from taxpayers. Since trials started in March 2025, more than 20 dogs have been killed. The Brisbane Cup was cancelled. There have been two investigations into the tracks.

The well-documented fiasco has shown an inept industry with no credibility that lies, conceals, kills dogs, and corrupts politicians.

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A Lethal “Lifecycle”

This report draws on racetrack data. It is important to note that this is only part of the overall story of greyhound suffering.

Industry annual reports for FY25 revealed more than 2,500 deaths from all causes. It is worth noting that most of these deaths are self-reported by participants and are not independently audited.

Notes

General

CPG volunteers manually check racing industry stewards' reports and industry databases to consolidate national greyhound injury and death data. The industry databases include NSW eTrac and Victorian FastTrack.

While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information provided, errors and omissions may occur particularly when stewards' reports are updated with additional information after the race date.

If you wish to confirm the accuracy of the information, please check the state stewards' reports and industry databases or contact the state racing body directly.

Off-track deaths

This report records those dogs who were: injured in a race in 2025; incurred a stand-down of 60 days or more; and were then listed as deceased in FastTrack and/or eTrac.

Sources

[CPG 2025 death and injury tracking](#)

[CPG 2025 off-track death register +60 days](#)

Stewards' reports: [NSW](#), [NT](#), [QLD](#), [SA](#), [TAS](#), [VIC](#), [WA](#)

State racing bodies annual reports: NSW ([GRNSW](#), [GWIC](#))

QLD ([Racing Queensland](#), [QRIC](#)), [SA](#), [TAS](#), [VIC](#), [WA](#)

[GRV FastTrack database](#), [GWIC eTrac database](#)

[Report of the Drake Inquiry into Greyhound Racing NSW](#)

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About the Coalition for the Protection of Greyhounds

CPG is a dedicated group of volunteers across Australia committed to ending greyhound racing. Until that happens we do everything we can to protect greyhounds by exposing the cruelty of the racing industry.

Please join with us to demand that state governments end greyhound racing.



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IN MEMORIAM

GREYHOUNDS KILLED AT AUSTRALIAN TRACKS IN 2025

Shirl's Rocket, Ramblin' Ethics, Fiesta Azul, Brocky's Ethics, Charli Marley, Apache Shout, My Matilda, Ted Robbo, Raccoon Riot, Memphis Raines, Lucky, Rev Michael, Goes Like Gary, Rogue Choice, Defibrillator, Mandalay, Prom Queen Fun, Oprah Bale, Kerb Stone Cool, Pugsley, Pikelet Spirit, Saint Nifty, Bankrupt Betty, Josie's Jewel, Video Referee, Untenable, Grace Burgess, Midnight Kuna, Paw Felicity, Out of Control, Slippery Sally, Dynamize, Our Country Boy, Tanned And Taut, Yunderup Hook, Federal Recall, Escape Panama, Clifton Hill, Contract, Billy Bush, Seahorn, Jag Fernando, Quiet Lakes, Martini Beach, Marais Bale, Hellboy, Axedale Queen, Cabramatta Pete, Kurraca Kid, Travis's Scrub, Tia's Angel, Santorini Breeze, Tuta Storm, Tailor's Chalk, Vodka Mother, Quick Dash, Bakes On Lakes, Cloudy Wren, Miara, Saint Jayden, Divided By Nine, Texas Wedge, Talkin' Bluey, Beau Ripple, Honey Blitz, Virat, Magic Mack, West on Batman, Ballinger Beach, Trunkey Jennings, Cool Hand Rio, River Runs Dry, Edgy Nora, Frisco Joe, Raider's Guide, Psycho Fury, Aston Amisha, Mickey Mouse, Matchbox Flame, Apple Pie, Mepunga Loaf, Mr Tangelo, Ashman, West on Tilly, Mini Whiskey, Aston Jill, Mccallister, Benny Cool, Navarino, Chester Deeds, Lakeview Nola, Mt. View Raw, Magic Entry, Bad Boy Red, Atlas Alien, Clutch Play, Chunky Monkey, Paw Ucolta, Black Benz, Brunswick Rocks, Coronation Day, Sunset Sapphire, Blonde Blur, Goldstar Koda, Don't Tell Arlo, Blue Bird Days, Zonnekeyn, Luke's Coal, Steely Shiraz, Don't Play Games, Long Gone, Tresor Drive, Smile Time, Rapido Warrior, Go Rocky Go, Bellarine Beauty, May Be Real, Cosmic Beach & Zig Zag Kaboom

GREYHOUNDS KILLED OFF-TRACK AFTER SUFFERING SERIOUS INJURIES IN 2025

Rock Burner, Fascinate Blaze, Reefton Maestro, Panama Girl, Ninja Moon, Aston Bolivar, Fascinate Dan, Woodshed Albert, Blackjack Ella, Princess Josie, Zipping Hoff, One Long Day, Spring Honour, Super Jet Power, Betty Buttercup, Vulcanite, Jemma Jayne, Glory Bound, Parachute Parkes, Kingsbrae Kim, Rainbow Catley, Bad Girl Robyn, Shack Up Beast, Brewery Town, Samurai, Tingha Taught Us, Andrade, Affluent, Pop's Big Guy, Velocious, Jacobite Hope, Nick's Mate, Bushranger Ned, Phantom Bob, Hey Pat, My Blue Rose, Foxy Freckles, Mock Fish, Star Sixty Seven, Aston Randal, Collinda Blue, Speedy Riot, Riviera Bale, Got Attitude, Loud Louie, Goliath, Leo Bale, Aston Massimo, Yamanu Bale, Bamera, Normal Life, Mr. Bronson, Key Pillars, Back Ruby, Billy Intention, Yamgata Bale, Top Speed Gear, Doongalla Gypsy, Jumbuk Star, Metaphorical, Zesty Boy, Jumbuk Mahmood, Silver Taquisha, Shima Stan, Valdivian, Gary Knew It, Mortality, Paw Glory, Mepunga Ollie, Now Showing, Versnellen, Miss Georgie Lee, Fernando Gomez, Ninja Cuddle, Extreme Havoc, Redacted, Zipping Tucson, Measurement, Stanley Staff, Dr. Yellowstone, Maybe Rain, Condah Express, Spicy Minx, Valetta Flash, Tommy Sparkle, Atlas Amazon, Girl Torque, Jed The Turtle, Betsy Rose, He's Clegane, Wulkuraka Lad, Not Likely, Nice And Naughty, Spring Ned, Florida Flash, Corresponding, Jilliby Devil, She's Bonnie, Parting Shot, Big Brain, Lucky Llama, Comical Travis, Minter Formula, Rana's Joy, Pacific Storm, Black Liar, First Picked, Spring Aura, Scale Up Time, Minter Deluxe, Bilinga Beach, News Bulletin, Austria's Vienna, Cha Cha Zac, Cheers, Go Forward Cathy, Victory Roll, Feed Him Mungo, Pretty Spritely, Panama Princess, Flat Broke, Hara's Donny, Scoop the Loot, Apple Pie Girl, Hessle, Reiterate, Lots Of Bugs, Uncommon, Good Odds Jojo, She's Some Fox, Buckaroo, Bustling Bull, Yogi's Princess, Exquisite, Court Model, Farmor Fired Up, Paw Valentina, Miss Etiquette, Sassy Snow, Casemiro Magic, Dynamic Ethics, Blake's John, Hierarchy, Aston Reims, Numerous, Big Chief Size, Patriot Millard, Sunset Pepe, Rock Solid Kid, Cyclonic Renee, Brain Teaser, Litchfield, Sandy Basa, Evie Malt, Bagnaia, Apache Havoc, Fantale Monelli, Paula Keeping, Tick Tick Tick, Petite, Sure Oliver, Patriot James, Aston Bollinger, Breakout Boy, Perfect Shadows, Just Regal, Our Therapy & Kirwan

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