

Q&A - CPG data explained

Q: How does the 2023 death toll calculation differ to other years?

- This year CPG trawled through the newly available eTrac database (provided by the NSW regulator) for data, as well as the existing racing industry database FastTrack
- This effort revealed those greyhounds that were listed on FastTrack as deceased after suffering serious Category D injuries which require a stand down of 28 days or more. And those dogs who were listed on eTrac as euthanased due to injury.

Q: How does the 2023 death toll compare to other years?

- The 2022 total was a mix of on-track and FOI requests, so it's not the exact same data set.
- The data for the prior two years was drawn from racing stewards' reports only.

Q: Okay, but what were the past annual death tolls?

Bearing in mind that these are not identical data sets, they were:

- in 2023, [120 dogs were killed on-track](#), 200 were killed off-track after racing injuries, another 40 deaths are attributed by the racing industry to illness post-injury, inability to be rehomed, or are listed as deceased with no reason; and 11,604 were injured,
- in 2022, [160 dogs were killed on track](#), 67 were reported as killed off-track after racing injuries, and 10,626 were injured,
- in 2021, [213 dogs were killed on track](#) and 10,195 were injured,
- in 2020, [202 dogs were killed on track](#) and 9,861 were injured.

Q: What is the solution to this lack of transparency?

- The death certificates and post mortems of all dead greyhounds should be made publicly available.
- The industry's culture of concealment must change and it is up to each state government to take action requiring its local racing industry to be more transparent.
- Ideally, every race meeting would have independent vets not employed by the racing industry and every racetrack would have x-ray equipment to scan all dogs with leg injuries.

Q: Why is the racing industry taking this approach?

- Greyhound racing has long been concerned about CPG's goal of publicising every dog racing death.
- By taking the deaths out of the stewards' reports, the industry is attempting to reduce the amount of negative media coverage and related public scrutiny.

Q: Why are CPG volunteers motivated to collect and release this data?

The industry refuses to be transparent about the names of dead dogs and how they die (protecting trainers/owners), and so we're naming the dead that don't appear in racing stewards' reports.

