# LETHAL TRACKS

### A REPORT ON TRACK-RELATED DEATHS AND INJURIES

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The data in this report regarding track-related deaths, injuries and associated events is drawn from publicly available stewards' reports and additional information from some state racing bodies. Please see the notes on page 22 for more information. Other sources of information are listed on the relevant page.

A summary of 2021 deaths and injuries is available here: <u>greyhoundcoalition.com/2021-australian-track-deaths-and-injuries/</u>

If you have any feedback on the report, please email <u>info@greyhoundcoalition.com</u>

## INTRODUCTION

The greyhound racing industry continued its cruelty in 2021, reaping gambling revenue from the bodies and broken bones of innocent dogs.

Industry data showed that over 200 greyhounds were killed and more than 10,000 injured while racing in Australia last year. The following pages provide a detailed analysis of this official record.

Similar to previous years, curved tracks were the most deadly. Almost all racing deaths were due to euthanasia for broken legs.

Many dogs injured while racing were killed later at vet clinics. Freedom of Information requests are slowly revealing the names of these dogs.

Racing industry annual reports for 2020-21 showed that almost 1,700 greyhounds died within the industry from all causes. The details can be extremely opaque.

#### 2021 was also the year we lost Dennis.

As President of CPG, Dennis Anderson was a passionate advocate who fought tirelessly for greyhounds.

Although he left us too soon, Dennis oversaw the growth of CPG into a true coalition that strives to end greyhound suffering in all areas.

2021 saw the broad alliance of anti-greyhound racing groups succeed in raising awareness, challenging proposed new racetracks and demanding that this brutal industry is banned.

The industry tried to fight back with increased PR and spin, but their failure was revealed when 40 major brands rejected any association with the Thrill of the Chase greyhound racing TV series.

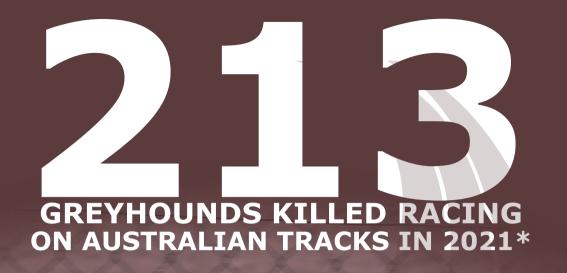
The following pages counter the industry's propaganda and provide a realistic picture of greyhound suffering in Australia in 2021.



This report focuses on track-related death and suffering. This is just one aspect of the brutality inflicted on racing greyhounds.

Greyhounds also suffer long hours of confinement in barren cages, lack of socialisation and opportunity for play, using drugs to suppress oestrus, racing in extreme temperatures and weather, live baiting, lack of proper dental hygiene, doping, cruel training practices, the use of barking muzzles - the cruelty is endless.

## TRACK-RELATED DEATHS 2021



## 1/1/2021 Geelong VIC Zed Bale

The first dog to die. Two years old, 19 starts, \$8,000 in prize money. Collided seven times with other dogs, fell and was killed because he suffered a fractured leg.

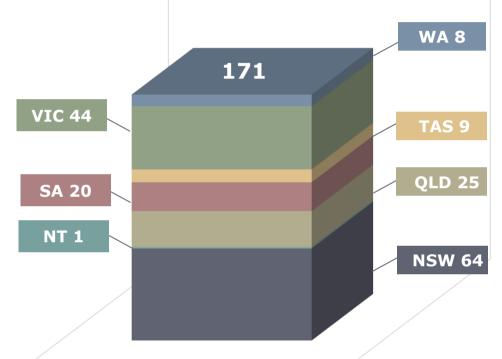
\* Based on industry stewards' reports and additional data provided by some state racing bodies. Due to lack of industry data, this number is likely to underestimate the actual number of deaths.

## TRACK-RELATED DEATHS 2021

In addition to greyhounds who die or are killed at the track due to collapse or injury, dogs are removed from the track after serious injury and later euthanased. NSW is the only state to regularly publish the number of these dogs but does not provide names or details of the catastrophic injuries.\*

The deaths of some TAS and WA dogs were identified via right to information requests. Where provided, we have included their names on pages 21-22 of this report. Neither the TAS nor the WA off-track numbers reflect the deaths for the entire year.

#### GREYHOUNDS KILLED ON-TRACK DUE TO RACING INJURY



#### GREYHOUNDS KILLED OFF-TRACK DUE TO RACING INJURY

NSW	WA	TAS
28#	8^	6 <sup>+</sup>
JAN-DEC 2021	JAN-JUN 2021	JAN-SEP 2021

#### VIC, QLD, SA & NT NUMBERS NOT PUBLISHED

- \* GWIC notes this data relies on follow-ups by on-track veterinarians and reports made by participants to GWIC and therefore may not be complete at the time of reporting.
- # Injured, removed from NSW tracks and later killed. At races: 23, at trials: 5
- Injured, removed from WA tracks and later killed. At races (Jan-Jun): 4 (treated under the Greyhound Injury Full Recovery Scheme), at trials (Jan-Mar): 4
- + Injured during races, removed from TAS tracks and later killed.

#### LETHAL TRACKS 2021: GREYHOUND TRACK-RELATED DEATHS AND INJURIES

## TRACK-RELATED INJURIES 2021

## **LOCALOS GREYHOUND INJURIES** ON AUSTRALIAN TRACKS IN 2021

## December 2021 Taree NSW 20 dogs injured in 2 races

A disastrous "safety upgrade" shatters the myth that racetracks can be made safe. The \$455,000 taxpayer-funded upgrade was completed in March 2021.

## A MAP OF DEATHS & INJURIES

#### BROKEN BAD. Collided **TIME TO SHOUT.** Struck by a faulty heavily on the first turn, fell and lure, he suffered a fractured leg. He was suffered a fatal cervical spinal two years old and killed after the race at fracture. He wasn't yet two years Wauchope, NSW on 7 August 2021. old and died at Mandurah, WA on 16 April 2021. 骨 QLD 1436 **计**WA **骨**SA 6 828 815 **分NSW**

213 KILLED

,195 INJURIES

## **MONTAG BALE.** Collided, fell and was trampled by a much heavier dog. She suffered a fractured leg. It was her second race and she was killed on 30 September 2021 at The Meadows, VIC.

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**COUGHLIN'S LAW.** Reported as "making contact with the catching pen gate", he suffered a fractured shoulder at Hobart. He was stood down for 30 days and removed from the track. He was euthanased the following day.

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## TRACKS WITH HIGHEST DEATHS/INJURIES

#### **Greyhounds killed**

Richmond, NSW	10
Albion Park, QLD	9
Murray Bridge, SA	9
Cranbourne, VIC	8
Cannington, WA	8
Gawler, SA	7
Hobart, TAS	7
The Gardens, NSW	7

#### Greyhounds injured

Richmond, NSW	574
Cannington, WA	502
Albion Park, QLD	486
Bendigo, VIC	390
Warragul, VIC	381
Cranbourne, VIC	365
Shepparton, VIC	354
Ipswich, QLD	341

## **TRACK-RELATED DEATHS & INJURIES**

When you look at this list of suffering, it is easy to see why most countries have rejected greyhound racing. There are now only seven countries with commercial dog racing and Australia is by far the largest. Details of many greyhound racing deaths are still concealed by the racing industry and more transparency is urgently required.

#### **GREYHOUND DEATHS\***

				GREINOU	
NSW		QLD		NSW	
Bathurst	1	Albion Park	9	Bathurst	126
-		Bundaberg	5	Broken Hill	16
Bulli	4	Ipswich	5	Bulli	135
Casino	3	Rockhampton	1	Casino	179
Coonamble	1	Townsville	5	Coonamble	20
Dapto	2	SA	-	Dapto	153
		Angle Park	2	Dubbo	149
Dubbo	1	Gawler	7	Gosford	148
Gosford	2	Mt Gambier	2	Goulburn	130
Goulburn	2	Murray Bridge	9	Grafton	110
Grafton	2	TAS		Gunnedah	86
		Devonport	5	Kempsey	21
Gunnedah	3	Hobart	7	Lismore	123
Kempsey	2	Launceston	3	Lithgow	12
Lismore	2	VIC		Maitland	83
Maitland	4	Ballarat	5	Moree	7
	_	Bendigo	4	Muswellbrook	21
Muswellbrook	1	Cranbourne	8	Nowra	104
Richmond	10	Geelong	5	Potts Park	21
<b>T</b>	_	Healesville	2	Richmond	574
Tamworth	1	Horsham	2	Tamworth	19
Taree	3	Sale	3	Taree	116
The Gardens	7	Sandown Park	3	Temora	48
Wagga Wagga	5	Shepparton	1	The Gardens	295
		The Meadows	3	Wagga Wagga	77
Wauchope	4	Warragul	4	Wauchope	53
Wentworth Park	4	Warrnambool	4	Wentworth Park	228
NT		WA		Young	20
Darwin	4	Cannington	8	NT	4.6.5
Darwin	1	Mandurah	4	Darwin	103

#### **GREYHOUND INJURIES**

OLD

Albion Park

Bundaberg

Rockhampton

Townsville

Angle Park

Murray Bridge

Mt Gambier

Devonport

Launceston

Hobart

VIC

Ballarat

Bendiao

Geelona

Cranbourne

Healesville

Sandown Park

Shepparton

Warragul

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The Meadows

Warrnambool

Cannington

Mandurah

Horsham

Sale

Gawler

TAS

Capalaba

Ipswich

SA

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196

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341

166

173

270

226

146

113

111

143

288

390

365

283

329

145

179

245

354

275

381

338

502

326

93

#### Find out more about the Australian greyhound racing industry here: greyhoundcoalition.com/media-resource/

\* Track names were not provided for 32 of the 213 greyhounds reported by the industry as being killed in track-related incidents. Additionally, not all track-related deaths were reported. See the notes on page 22 of this report.

## THE DEADLY TURNS

Greyhounds suffer serious injuries at every part of a racetrack, but the track turns are where the real carnage occurs. The dogs come together at high speed and any collision or interference often has fatal consequences. In 2021, 76% of fatal injuries occurred on turns.

Countless race videos show greyhounds tumbling violently on turns and fracturing their legs. Despite being well aware of the danger of curved tracks, the racing industry has only built a handful of straight tracks and continues to build new curved racetracks.

by track location*		catching pen
		11.7%
		post-race
		6.1%
		start
		1.1%
		straight
	0 0	5.0%
turn		
76.1%		

### Fatal injuries on Australian tracks in 2021

#### Straight tracks are still lethal for greyhounds

Straight tracks kill fewer dogs than curved, but as shown below they still kill and injure. And, as the industry does not reduce the amount of racing on curved tracks in favour of straight, the end result is just more greyhound suffering.

Straight	HEALESVILLE	CAPALABA	RICHMOND	MURRAY
track	VIC	QLD	NSW	BRIDGE SA
2021	2 deaths	154 injuries	1 death	1 death
Racing Toll	329 injuries		80 injuries	51 injuries

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## NO SUCH THING AS A SAFE TRACK

A key strategy of the greyhound racing PR machine is arguing that tracks can be made safer. To sell this image, the industry has used University of Technology Sydney consultancy services to upgrade existing tracks (thus admitting these are unsafe) and plan new tracks.

However, data is now emerging that, after expenditure of millions of taxpayer dollars, these 'safe' curved tracks still kill and injure dogs, confirming that tracks can never be made safe. Planned future tracks – such as Tweed, Ipswich, and Devonport - will no doubt be hyped as safe, but will inevitably lead to more greyhound deaths and injuries.

#### Latest track safety upgrades

**TRARALGON VIC** \$6M REBUILD, JAN 2022

"State of the art" safe J-curve layout designed by UTS.\*

One dog killed and 58 injured in first month of racing. 12 injured in one race meeting alone, one of the worst meetings nationwide over the last two years.

#### **ANGLE PARK SA** \$3M UPGRADE, AUG 2021

"Sets the standard for modern best-practice design", based on "track safety research".^

Five greyhounds killed and 126 injuries (including 24 major injuries) since racing restarted, from 26 Aug 2021 to 17 Feb 2022.

#### **GRAFTON NSW** \$4.6M REBUILD, JUN 2021

New racetrack designed in consultation with safety engineers at UTS.<sup>+</sup>

Since racing restarted in 2021, two deaths and 119 injuries (including 22 major injuries) have been recorded in only 44 race meetings.

#### **Proposed taxpayer-funded tracks**

	TWEED	IPSWICH	DEVONPORT
	NSW	QLD	TAS
Taxpayer Funding	ТВА	\$40m	\$8m
2021 State	92 killed	25 killed	15 killed
Racing Toll	3074 injured	1436 injured	367 injured

"I believe nothing good comes from greyhound racing ... \$40m is a lot of money to invest in an industry that is very likely on its last legs." Jennifer Howard MP, Member for Ipswich

\* Greyhound Racing Victoria ^ Greyhound Racing SA

#### LETHAL TRACKS 2021: GREYHOUND TRACK-RELATED DEATHS AND INJURIES

## FRACTURED LEGS ARE INEVITABLE

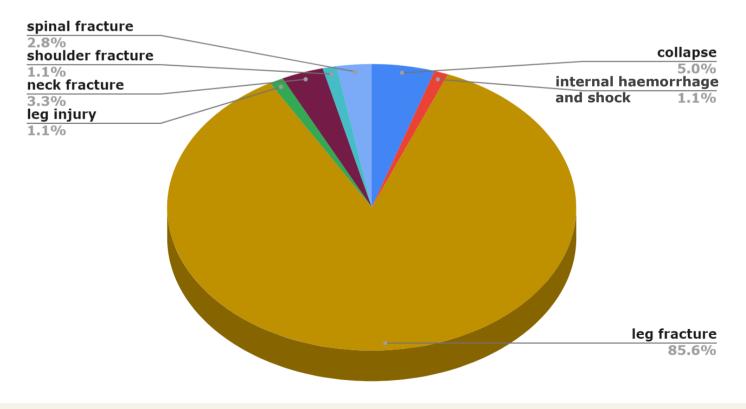
## 85% of greyhounds killed racing in 2021 suffered leg fractures.

Greyhounds are forced to run at high speeds around turns, which puts immense pressure on their legs. This is reflected in catastrophic injuries where greyhound legs are shattered after they collide with other dogs or suffer violent falls.

There are also stress or fatigue fractures which are even more common. This is where the repetitive pressure of racing weakens bones, particularly young bones. These stress fractures are rarely seen in companion dogs or other working breeds.\*

Euthanasia for broken legs is a common practice. Indeed, in NSW the industry regulator pays for it at the track.

## Fatal injuries on Australian tracks in 2021 by type of injury<sup>#</sup>



- \* Source: Knight A (2018). Injuries in Racing Greyhounds. Cleveland, UK: Greyt Exploitations.
- # Fatal injury types were not provided for 32 of the 213 greyhounds reported by the industry as being killed in track-related incidents. Additionally, not all track-related deaths were reported. See the notes on page 22 of this report.

## A BRUTAL INDUSTRY

#### THE DEADLY CATCHING PEN

The catching pen is the area which stops the dogs at the end of the race, and is a well known killing zone. There is no really safe way to stop a group of fast-running greyhounds without endangering their lives.

11% of greyhounds killed nationwide suffered their fatal injuries in the catching pen.

#### The sad death of Skintight

The three-year old died in the catching pen at Casino NSW in an incident that raises quite a few questions.

To quote the stewards' report: "Following an incident in the catching pen after the event, SKINTIGHT (3) collapsed after coming into contact with a trainer and was unable to be revived. A full post-mortem will be conducted."

We await the autopsy report on poor Skintight, but the senseless deaths will continue.

#### **MORE INJURIES, MORE SUFFERING**

Around 17% of the 10,195 injuries suffered by greyhounds while racing were classified by the industry as major\*. This includes a range of unnecessary trauma from broken toes and dislocated joints to fractured legs, severe spinal, pelvic and skull injuries, major fracture dislocations and Achilles tendon ruptures.\*

#### A week of broken bodies

27 Australian greyhounds suffered broken legs while racing in the week of 24-31 October 2021. Six of them lost their lives.

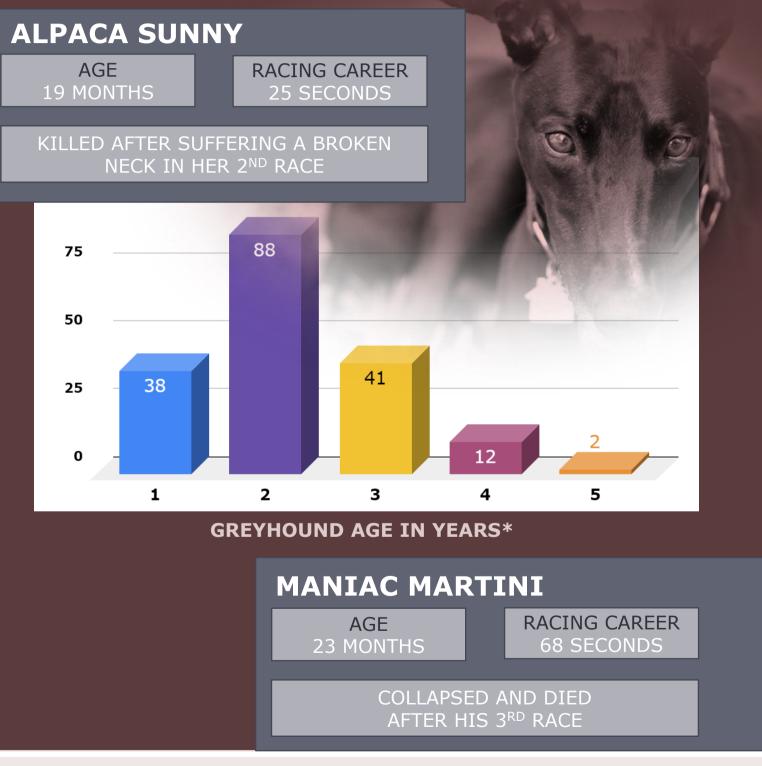
Plus, 21 other dogs sustained injuries classed as "major". More dogs suffered what the stewards' reports merely class as "minor" and "medium" injuries.

Many of the injured greyhounds were probably later killed at private vet clinics (this happened to 28 dogs in NSW in 2021).

\* Based on GWIC Injury classification

## THE KILLING OF YOUNG DOGS

Based on information provided by the industry, two years was the most common age for greyhounds to die racing in 2021. 38 didn't even reach their second birthday. This is a cruel and dangerous industry for young dogs. There is massive over-breeding of puppies in the hope of scoring a 'winner', with those discarded by the industry classified as "initial wastage". Most greyhounds are retired from racing by the age of five with many facing a very uncertain future.



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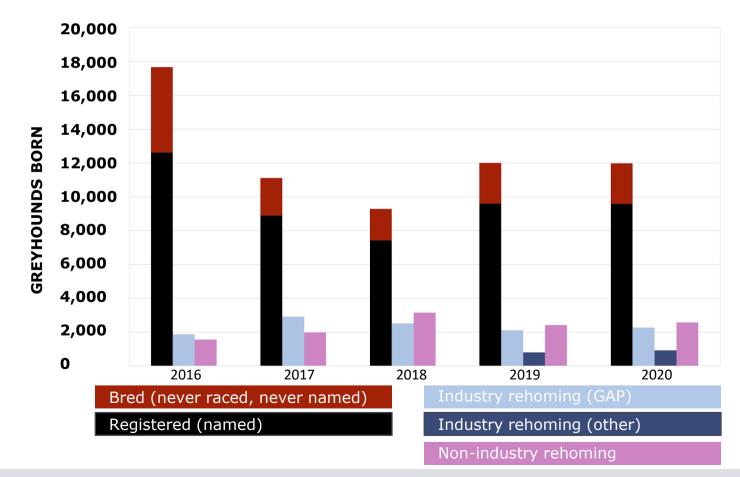
## FEEDING THE KILLING MACHINE

"The greyhound industry depends on wastage – the over-breeding of dogs to ensure that a proportion will run fast enough to be commercially useful." Andy Meddick MP, Animal Justice Party, VIC

The current rate of annual greyhound breeding nationally is six times the racing industry's capacity to rehome.

The chart below shows an estimate of the total number of dogs needing to be placed after they cease racing versus dogs that actually find a home. It also demonstrates that the 'heavy lifting' is still done by community-run volunteer rescue groups that rely on donations and fundraising.

Breeding, encouraged by state government funding, is on the increase after a dramatic drop caused by the 2015/16 live baiting expose and evidence of systemic animal cruelty.



**For more information, view the CPG white paper here:** greyhoundcoalition.com/a-gaping-hole-in-the-industry/

## BIG BRANDS REJECT RACING

In 2021, major Australian and international companies continued to reject greyhound racing cruelty. Most recently, 40 brands recoiled from any involvement with the industry "unreality TV show" Thrill of the Chase.

<b>F-</b>
ANZ
Arnott's
Audible Australia
Ballarat Appliance Warehouse Management
BMW
BritBox
BWH Hotel Group
Civil Aviation Safety Authority
Choices Flooring
Citibank Australia
Coca-Cola Europacific Partners Coles
Colorbond
Endeavour College of Natural Health
Federation TAFE
Flight Centre
Godfreys
Goodman Fielder
Headspace
Honda
Hoselink
Isuzu
Kellogg's
Kia
Longines
Lotterywest
Macquarie Bank
Mars Wrigley
Mazda
Officeworks
RACQ Bank
Road Safety Commission, WA
Samsung
SC Johnson
Suzuki
The Royal Automobile Club of WA
Tyrepower WA
UBank
Unilever
Woolworths/Big W

"I can confirm, that any greyhound racing, horse racing or associated programs, are currently on a list of banned environments for ANZ advertising". **ANZ** 

"Please be assured that Flight Centre Travel Group does not support greyhound racing" **Flight Centre** 

"Mars Wrigley has measures in place to minimise the likelihood of its advertisements appearing in programs like Thrill of the Chase. Mars Wrigley is working with its media agency to put in place additional measures to avoid this from occurring in the future." **Mars Wrigley** 

"our values are not aligned with greyhound racing or any other animal racing ... and by no means do we want Dove or any of our Unilever brands to be associated with this kind of sport." **Unilever** 

"we have since taken additional steps with our media partner to ensure there is no risk of our advertising playing during this or similar programs moving forward." **Woolworths/Big W** 

For more information, view Stopping Sponsors here: greyhoundcoalition.com/stopping-sponsors

## HIDING THE REALITY

**IMAGE MANIPULATION:** At least 25 NSW racing videos were edited in 2021 to remove violent and often lethal falls. The industry's image manipulators know the public wouldn't stand for this treatment of dogs.

**CONCEALING THE DEATHS:** Deceiving the public about greyhound death toll by not providing details of dogs euthanased off-track with racing injuries.

**KILLING AS ENTERTAINMENT:** Promoting race events as "family fun" – despite greyhounds being maimed in front of small children.

#### **PAYING FOR A POSITIVE IMAGE**

To counter media coverage of greyhound suffering, Greyhound Racing NSW formed a partnership with Australian Community Media to publish pro-racing articles.

ACM owns over a hundred mastheads across Australia, including The Canberra Times, The Newcastle Herald, The Examiner and the Illawarra Mercury.

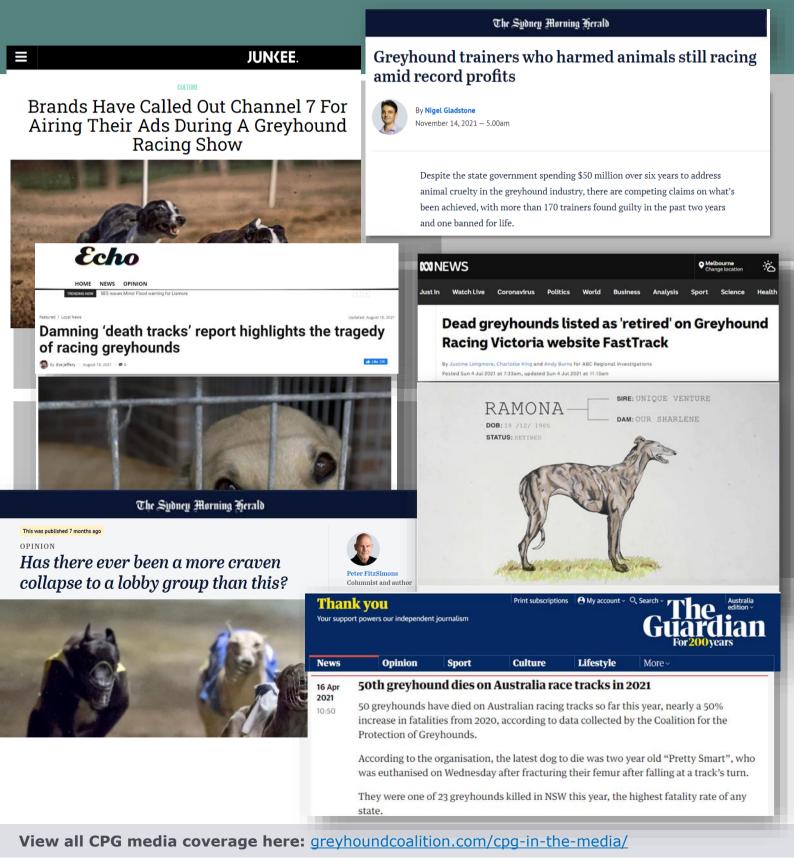
Hundreds of articles written by GRNSW are appearing in ACM publications. A rider appearing at the bottom of the articles admits that: "*This article was produced as part of an ACM partnership with Greyhound Racing NSW"*.

It would be interesting to know how much money GRNSW is spending on this "partnership". Yet more money diverted from improving track safety. And more spin to distract from the suffering the industry inflicts on greyhounds.

**For more information, view Paying for a positive image here:** <u>greyhoundcoalition.com/exposing-the-issues/paying-for-a-positive-image/</u>

## WHAT THE MEDIA SAID

In 2021, a range of metropolitan and regional media covered greyhound welfare issues. They also called for greater transparency and accountability from state governments and the racing industry. Here is a selection of that coverage from around Australia.



## REPORTING THE LOST DOGS ALMOST 1700 GREYHOUND DEATHS

State racing bodies - except in the Northern Territory - produce annual reports that reveal many alarming details about the lives and deaths of greyhounds in Australia.

For FY20/21, a total of 1669 greyhound deaths from all causes are acknowledged. These range from illness and natural causes to "euthanased due to not suitable for rehome".

#### SOME STANDOUT OBSERVATIONS:

#### NSW

#### 659 GREYHOUNDS

39 dogs were euthanased for "Failure to Re-home" (19) and "Behaviourally unsuitable" (20). Note: euthanasia due to behavioural reasons is not currently permitted under NSW Greyhound Rehoming Policy.

#### QLD

#### **316 GREYHOUNDS**

9 dogs were euthanased as "not suitable for racing", 55 "not suitable for rehome" and 10 euthanased by GAP for health and/or behavioural issues.

#### VIC

#### **409 GREYHOUNDS**

No details are provided about the 409 dogs that died due to "Euthanasia of VIC-owned greyhounds". The lack of transparency is disgraceful.

#### WA

#### **104 GREYHOUNDS**

26 of these were euthanased or deceased "due to injury".

#### SA

#### **123 GREYHOUNDS**

63 dogs were euthanased with injury, illness or at the track. 16 dogs were euthanased due to "Behaviour/Temperament (GAP)".

#### TAS

#### **58 GREYHOUNDS**

40 dogs died due to "Euthanasia", with 18 "Deceased".

#### NT

No statistics are released by the racing industry or territory government.

Data sourced from FY20/21 annual reports produced by state racing bodies.

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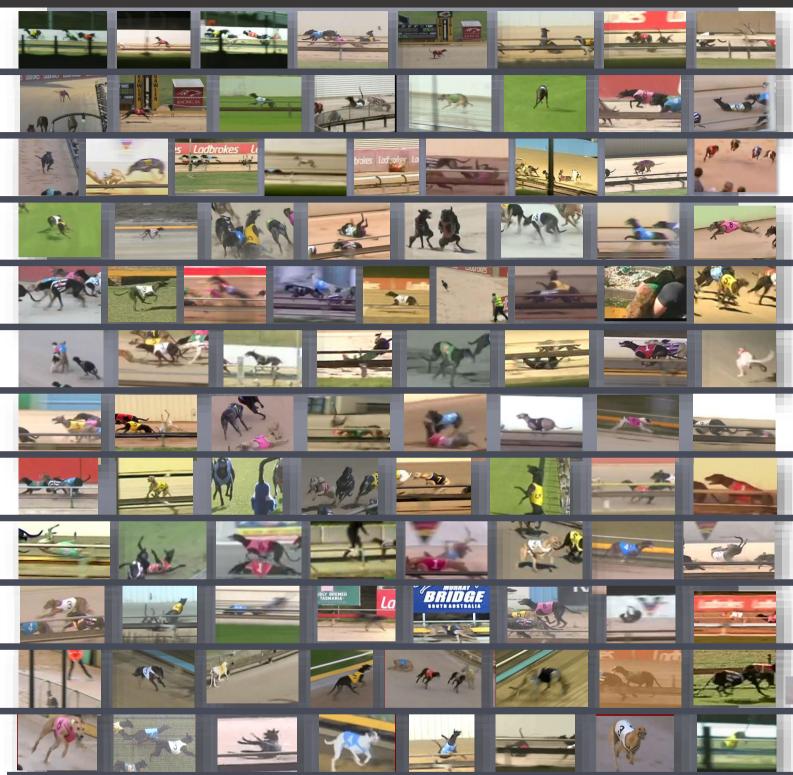
## THEIR FINAL MOMENTS

### Killed on Australian tracks in 2021



Zed Bale, Shanlyn Ally, Dipped In Honey, Agent Of Victory, Aston Lucina, Gloves Back On, Notorious Jiggs, Dandy Dale, Dynamic Ross, Castle Archer, Pacific Tree, Fly For Fashion, Run Sadiq Run, Flying Fortress, Bobby Lava, Jump Like One, Sassy Queen, Zipping Squiggle, Finding Gobi, Harvey John, Hatchback, Tells All, Card Talk, Bilbo, Azure Gambler, Serenity, All Inn Tilly, My Dark Rose, Fernando Tears, Mudslide, Stone Blaster, Cosmic Wind, Flame Offiah, Gordito, Crackerjack Kane, Whodat Dare, Dundee Dancer, Eli Boy, Tribute To Dave, High Kings, Blue Twist, Only Cecil, Lightning Ride, Royal Merchant, Glenreagh Skud, Legacies, Slim Pickings, Special Deed, Indominus, Pretty Smart, Sammy Mcivor, Broken Bad, Brother Jason, Smart Treasure, Sylvie Bale, Chief's Priority, Run Fast Spirit, Cawbourne Claw, Steven, Manila Cruz, Call Me Snooze, Carson Bale, Ebony's Reject, Vermiculite, Hallside Sam, Tamika, Ava Wine, Zevatron, Minutiae, Magic Lea, Ringbark Jen, Luke's Jakit, Dewana Chic, All Yap, Dyna Worker, Sir Rogan, Coughlin's Law, Frampton, Simmo's My Bro, Hurricane Drew, Jagger's Joss, Mr Magnificent, West On Margaret, Gizby and Grumpy Lomar.

## THEIR FINAL MOMENTS (continued)



Hara's Olaf, Diamond George, Tinker Ray, She Can Fly, Cash Or Cheque, Firefly Jen, Lonnie Wonder, Fine Edition, Sketchy Trapdoor, Some Gave All, Zipping Whoopi, Zinfandel Boris, Flighty Lady, Sold By Sticker, Double Up Red, Buddy Guy, David Moss, Sketchy A Bit, Vaughn, Aston Vigour, Dundee Topaz, Rojo Nugget, Lou Lee, Lektra Collett, Why Not Pockets, Time To Shout, Overgrip, Moment Of Impact, Quest For Gold, Kiarni Jack, Trunkey Naya, Fernando Febey, Mr. Recorder, Aphrodite, Stebonheath Lad, Captain Goldie, Chief's Shout, Action Plus, Tarawi Chrissy, Magical Max, Pace Out, Dr Lewis, Upwards, Maniac Martini, Alpaca Sunny, Talk Talk Talk, Money Bandit, Friendly Shadows, Paper Kite, Final Occasion, Bingo Balls, Darling Display, Bermuda, Montag Bale, Rivergum Rebel, Hustle Hard, Withers Monelli, Runaway Joe, Elarbee Presley, Skintight, Weffalee Kelly, Boes Reward, Let Out, Kaluk Kaluk, Farmor Fanatic, Bump Byrnes, Joey Cortez, Serena Ice, Fab Worm, Rivergum Flyer, Invincible Night, Slingshot Maze, Mum's The One, Amby's Dream, Ebonique, Galway Express, Egyptian Katie, Shian Dawn, Winlock Mungo, Long Stint, Basman, Cracking Agent, Miss Blue Ivy, Toby Time, Jilliby Skippy, Rebellious, Iranian Girl, Talking Country, Springvale Slick, Spring Poldark, Deposit Taken, Pulya, Spring Hamer, Mr. Dynamic, Happy Rumble, Above Ability, Mysterio and Drive By Becky

## NOTES

#### General

- (1) CPG uses the GWIC NSW classification system to record Australian injury data, except for "Catastrophic" injuries classified as euthanased or sudden death. These are included by CPG in the number of greyhounds killed. CPG includes injuries ranging from those classified as 'Minor' (minor cuts, abrasions, pad injuries, Grade 1 muscle injuries requiring treatment) to 'Major II' (long bone fractures; severe spinal, pelvic or skull injuries; major fracture dislocations; Achilles tendon ruptures). From January 2020, GWIC no longer reported injuries where no time off from racing was required. CPG continued to record these injuries.
- (2) CPG volunteers manually check stewards' reports and consolidate injury and death data. 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 stewards' reports made available by racing bodies in each state.
- (3) NSW is the only state to regularly publish the number of dogs that are removed from tracks with serious injuries and later euthanased and dogs that are fatally injured at trials. They do not provide the names of the greyhounds or the details of their catastrophic injuries. The off-track deaths of some TAS and WA dogs were identified via right to information requests in 2021 and are included in this report. As indicated on the relevant pages, neither the TAS nor the WA off-track numbers reflect the number of deaths for the entire year. Given this lack of industry information, the number of track-related deaths included in this report is likely to underestimate the actual number of deaths.

#### In appreciation

Our thanks to <u>Let Greyhounds Run Free</u> (TAS) and <u>Free the Hounds</u> (WA) for providing the details of greyhounds who were killed in these states during 2021 sourced via freedom of information requests.

#### Images

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- Page 14: photo sourced from Farm Transparency Project

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## END GREYHOUND SUFFERING

## JACK

Jack helped us compile this report on the understanding we would help find him his forever home. And that is our absolute pleasure. He has been waiting too long and no one knows why.

Jack is four years old. His foster Dad say he is a great dog, very big and handsome, and strong. His Dad is a musician in a band and sometimes Jack goes along to his gigs. You're a legend Jack.

If you would like to get lost in those eyes, please contact <u>Greyhound Adoptions WA</u>.

Greyhound Adoptions WA are just one of the Australia-wide community run rescues who operate on a fraction of the budget enjoyed by industry adoption programs. You can find a list of these lifesaving organisations here:

greyhoundcoalition.com/links-to-greyhoundrescue-groups/. Please do everything you can to support them.



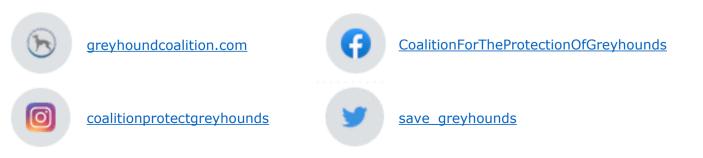
The dogs featured in this reports are the ones that you will never see in the glossy annual reports or the industry "unreality programs". They are the ones forced by a greedy racing industry and complicit governments to pay with their lives. This brutal industry must be banned.

#### **ABOUT COALITION FOR THE PROTECTION OF GREYHOUNDS**

CPG is a dedicated group of people across Australia committed to banning 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 ban this cruel and outdated practice.



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