

A SNAPSHOT OF THE NSW GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY 2022

OUTDATED, CRUEL AND UNSUSTAINABLE

The NSW greyhound racing industry has failed to reform and is plagued by a range of animal welfare issues. The industry is propped up by taxpayer funds even though it lacks transparency, has a culture of secrecy, and continues to cause the suffering and death of innocent dogs.

NSW TRACK DEATHS AND INJURIES 2022

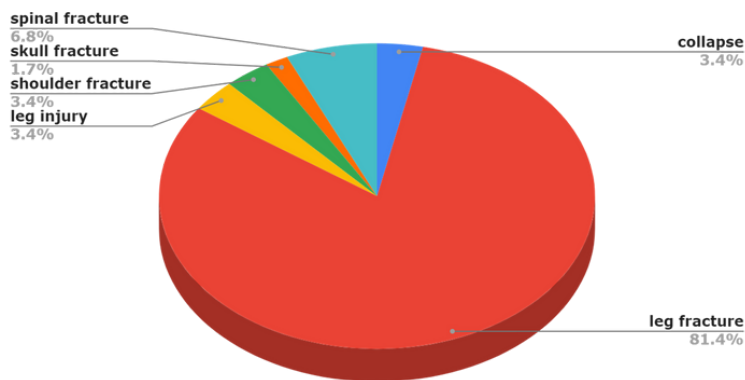
59 DOGS KILLED **3643 DOGS INJURED**

Their average age was 23 months. 246 of these were serious injuries.

Most suffered a fractured leg. These included torn back muscles and fractures.

Many badly injured dogs would have been removed from the track and later euthanised.

TRACK DEATHS BY INJURY



"SAFETY" UPGRADES FAIL DOGS AND THE COMMUNITY

Since the \$4.6m taxpayer-funded "safety" rebuild of the Grafton track, five dogs have been killed and more than 400 injured.

The first NSW dog to die in 2023 was on the Grafton track on 3 January.

RIP 2-YEAR-OLD 'OUR BOY ROCKY', KILLED GRAFTON, 3 JAN

TAXPAYER FUNDING OF GREYHOUND RACING INDUSTRY

\$32M

FY2022

[SEE THE MONEY MAP FOR FULL DETAILS](#)

RETURN ON TAXPAYER INVESTMENT

- **Failed safety upgrades** that continue to injure and kill far too many dogs.
- An **incomplete whole-of-life tracking system** that still allows puppies and dogs to be euthanised unnecessarily.
- **No breeding limit** leading to thousands of puppies and dogs being discarded every year.
- Dogs housed in **squalid conditions** who are inadequately socialised and often **neglected**.

AUSTRALIANS REJECT TAXPAYER FUNDING ACCORDING TO NATIONAL SURVEY

68%

of NSW residents oppose taxpayer funds supporting dog racing

A GAMBLING INDUSTRY

Australians suffer the largest gambling losses in the world.

Most gambling companies are foreign owned and send their massive profits offshore.

The social cost of gambling is in the billions according to the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation.

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OVERBREEDING

- The racing industry **breeds far too many dogs** to ensure that enough are commercially useful.
- "Uncompetitive" puppies and dogs are **described as wastage** and discarded.
- There has been a **45% increase** in puppies bred in NSW since 2017.
- At the current rate of breeding there will **never be enough homes** for greyhounds discarded by the industry.

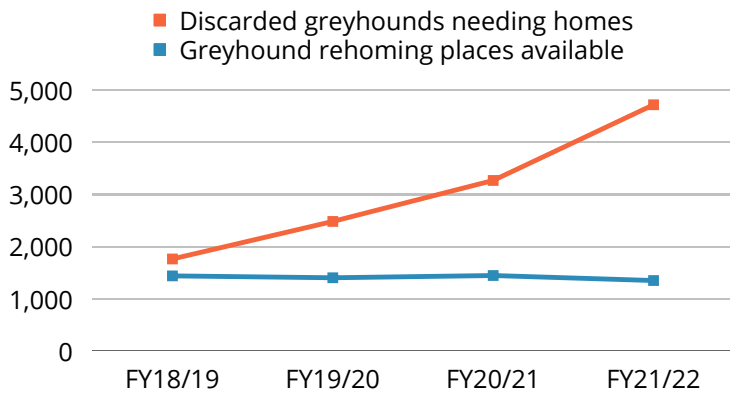


Chart based on [report](#) from the NSW Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission

ONGOING ANIMAL CRUELTY

- Regulation of the NSW racing industry is still failing to address many of the animal welfare issues which led to the 2015 ban.
- Penalties for industry participants are far too lenient and are not proving to be a deterrent.
- 2022 reports of live baiting, doping and animal cruelty show that dogs are still suffering.
- The NSW Government supports a greyhound breeding technique condemned by the AVA, RSPCA, and Sentient.

Painful and invasive racing greyhound breeding technique should be banned, vets say
[The Guardian, January 2023](#)

THE FAILURE OF INDUSTRY REHOMING

Australian racing industry 'failing miserably' to rehome greyhounds as adoption flatlines
[The Guardian, August 2022](#)

- In NSW around **70% of greyhounds are discarded** by their owners each year when they are no longer used for racing.
- This [FY20/21 Update](#) shows community rescues consistently rehome more dogs than the NSW racing industry's adoption scheme Greyhounds As Pets (NSW GAP).
- In FY2021, **NSW GAP rehomed 339** greyhounds on a budget of \$4.9m while volunteer-run **community rescues rehomed 443** dogs.
- **NSW GAP continues to euthanise dogs as "unrehomeable"** while most community rehomingers work with the dogs to rehabilitate them for life as a pet.

NEGLECT AND SOCIAL DEPRIVATION

A [2021 national survey](#) of community rescues found that many greyhounds leave the racing industry in a neglected and stressed condition.

- untreated wounds from track racing
- bad teeth
- poor diets
- pre-existing conditions requiring treatment
- not socialised for rehoming

89%
of greyhounds show signs of neglect when they leave the industry

When discarded by her trainer, Gracie was undesexed, anxious and with teeth ground down, probably from chewing her cage out of stress or boredom.
[Read Gracie's story](#)

