

**December 23rd, 2025**

**Questions on Notice  
Joint Standing Committee on Greyhound Racing Transition  
Public Hearing – Friday, 28 November 2025**

The RSPCA Tasmania Impact Report refers to more than 1,900 cruelty reports received through the animal cruelty hotline.

- Of these reports, how many related to dogs?
- Of those dog-related reports, how many specifically concerned greyhounds?

In the 2024–25 financial year, a total of 5,196 animals were subject to animal welfare checks, of which 2,712 were dogs. RSPCA Tasmania does not collect or report data by breed, including cross-breeds, as the Animal Welfare Act 1993 is applied irrespective of breed. This approach is consistent with RSPCA policy opposing Breed Specific Legislation and is reflected in our data collection practices.

Further, callers to the animal cruelty hotline typically report concerns by species rather than by specific breed, which limits the capacity to accurately disaggregate reports at the breed level.

With respect to RSPCA Tasmania's interaction with the racing industry, the administrative guidelines associated with the agreement between RSPCA Tasmania and the Natural Resources and Environment (NRE) provide that:

Standardbred and Thoroughbred horses, and greyhounds registered for racing, are not regarded as livestock. Such animals are under the control of the Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) and are subject to the Rules of Racing and the supervision of ORI Stewards. Any investigations under the Animal Welfare Act 1993 relating to racing animals, arising from a complaint or referral by ORI, will be undertaken by RSPCA Officers. ORI may also take separate action under the Rules of Racing.

This deed is currently being updated to reflect the transition from ORI to Racing Integrity Tasmania (TasRIC), with the revised document presently before the RSPCA Tasmania Board for execution.

At this time, RSPCA Tasmania has received one animal cruelty report, relating to a greyhound, transferred from TasRIC. This matter is awaiting further information from TasRIC officers to finalise the case file. RSPCA Tasmania also has a Memorandum of Understanding with TasRIC to facilitate information sharing.

Yours sincerely,



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