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The Secretary
Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in Tasmania
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Racing - RSPCA supplementary information

At the Public Hearing in Hobart on 30th June 2015, the RSPCA undertook to provide the Joint Select Committee on Greyhound Racing in Tasmania with further information.

As noted on page 52 and page 55 of the Hearing transcript please find references listed below and attached regarding contemporary standards for dog housing, environmental enrichment and socialisation. In particular we would like to draw the Committee's attention to this recently published document:

Working Dog Alliance Australia (2015) Review and Assessment of Best Practice: Rearing, Socialisation, Education and Training Methods for Greyhounds in a Racing Context.

This document was commissioned by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW) and developed by Working Dog Alliance Australia (WDA), a registered non-profit organisation that aims to work with industry to improve the welfare of Australia's working and sporting dogs. It contains detailed recommendations regarding best practice rearing, socialisation, education and training methods for greyhounds in the racing context.

In relation to greyhound racing internationally on page 55 of the Hearing transcript, the RSPCA is not aware of any country or jurisdiction in the world where greyhound racing takes place without causing significant animal welfare problems. Animal welfare issues inherent in greyhound racing in Australia are also evident in other countries where greyhound racing occurs. The RSPCA has not identified any country where animal welfare standards are a priority in the greyhound racing industry or where the welfare of the animals involved is effectively protected.

Regarding the adoption process on page 57 of the Hearing transcript, the last registered owner of a greyhound at the time of surrender to the RSPCA fills in the attached Racing Services Tasmania (RST) form and returns it to RST.

We hope this supplementary information assists. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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