

Stephanie Hesford

From: Caitlin Connolly caitcon@hotmail.com
Sent: Thursday, 11 June 2015 12:47 PM
To: Stephanie Hesford
Subject: End Greyhound Cruelty

Dear Stephanie Hesford,

I am writing in sheer disgust and disbelief, having seen horrific footage of 'leaders' in the greyhound industry using live animals to bait their dogs.

The investigation on ABC Four Corners makes it abundantly clear that these are not rogue operators or isolated cases. Some of the biggest names in the industry are implicated, including a former steward, an industry 'integrity' manager, and a two-time Australian Greyhound Trainer of the Year.

It is obvious that drastic changes to the industry must be made to ensure the welfare of greyhounds and other animals used for baiting is protected. If the industry cannot function with the changes, then it must be shut down entirely.

The use of animals, both alive and dead, must be prohibited and strategies must be introduced to address the important issues of over-breeding, high wastage, high euthanasia rates, the administration of illicit and banned substances, and injuries suffered during training and racing.

Similarly, strategies dedicated to re-homing of greyhounds must be introduced and adequately funded.

The industry must come out from behind closed doors and provide the public with statistics and outcomes of breeding and injury rates in the industry.

The ethical standard of living and racing conditions must be raised to ensure registration and inspection of training tracks and living conditions.

The extent of this cruelty that was known among the industry is disgusting. I implore you to see compassion and end the plight of this cruel industry should these conditions not be met.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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