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Subject: Big change is needed.

Dear Madam Secretary

There needs to be authorities working undercover to find out where live baiting is happening here . It is sadly very secret business as trainers do it on their property.

Authorities need to find out what really goes on in the Tasmanian greyhound racing industry, including live baiting, 'wastage' and 'draining' of greyhounds and to what extent. One cannot just believe the industry if they say live baiting is not occurring as there is no way that they would know as people do it on their property.

In addition strategies must be introduced to address the important issues of overbreeding, high wastage, high euthanasia rates, the administration of illicit and banned substances, and injuries suffered during training and racing.

It is very disappointing that greyhounds are exported overseas. As there is no way to protect the welfare of Australian racing greyhounds once they leave the country laws must be changed to prevent greyhounds from being exported for racing purposes.

Greyhounds are very social animals. Socialisation for greyhounds, particularly between 3-17 weeks of age, needs to be mandatory.

The attitude towards animals is what needs to change and until that happens the points listed above should be implemented to protect greyhounds from exploitation. They have been exploited and killed in their tens of thousands for decades due to greed and a complete lack of reflect for the value of these beautiful dogs.

The role of regulatory authorities should be in upholding animal welfare standards in the industry and encouraging best practice.

Yours sincerely,
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