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### Adopt a Greyhound Rather than Supporting Greyhound Racing

ABC's '[Four Corners](#)' recently shed light on the greyhound racing industry, leading to widespread outrage over live baiting.

The program showed devastating footage of animals used as live bait for greyhounds being killed horrifically, as part of training for the industry.

Perth's Animal Rights Advocates (ARA) welcomes the concern for animals that many people have expressed after watching this footage. However, ARA spokesperson Nick Pendergrast points out that "this horrible practice is by no means the only problem with the greyhound racing industry."

Injuries are [common](#) for the dogs participating in greyhound racing. Mr Pendergrast explains that: "Unlike people who voluntarily participate in sports and accept the risk of injury, greyhounds cannot consent to this risk in any meaningful way. Also, while sports stars are paid, the greyhounds are racing for the economic benefit of humans."

Animals Australia [point out](#) that: "On many occasions the injuries are 'uneconomical' to treat and the owner will instead have the dog killed. On average around 5 dogs are killed at official races each week as a result of greyhound racing."

Many more are killed off the track. Greyhound Adoptions WA [explain](#) that: "It is estimated that 25,000 greyhounds are destroyed annually in Australia alone after they are no longer making money on the track...Only around 500 are re-homed."

Rather than giving money to this industry that is responsible for the deaths of greyhounds and other animals, Mr Pendergrast encourages people to give a loving home to a greyhound, which you can do through [Greyhound Adoptions WA](#) and [Greyhound Angels of WA](#).

He explains however, that "while we support moves towards the end of the greyhound racing industry, it is important to not lose sight of the bigger picture that this is just one of many industries that harm animals."

In other industries such as the meat, dairy, egg and leather industries, animals just as capable of suffering as those used in live baiting, are routinely slaughtered for profit.

Living a vegan lifestyle means boycotting greyhound racing, as well as boycotting all of the industries that cause harm to animals. ARA's Vegan Perth website ([VeganPerth.org.au](#)) contains lots of useful resources to help people make the switch to veganism.

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