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## SUBMISSION - 'Racing Integrity Bill 2015'

My name is Faith Wild and I have been a dog behaviourist for over 21 years.

I have vast experience and knowledge and understanding of what a dog requires, their needs, and the correct way to raise them.

It is my very firm view that no amount of legislation or protective measures can ever protect greyhounds in the racing industry.

By it's very nature this industry denies these dogs the necessities of life and causes suffering.

### HOUSING

The very fact that these dogs are housed in concrete kennels can never be humane. It goes against the very nature of these social and gentle animals. Dogs should not be kept in these unnatural cages for the majority of their lives. They are stressed and can never be happy or stress free in these conditions. Their needs cannot be met in these circumstances.

### INJURIES AND DEATH

The very fact that these dogs are forced to continually race in the same direction and the speed in which they travel causes many injuries including back, neck, and legs. There is no possible way to prevent these injuries from occurring. Many dogs die as a result of racing and this cannot be avoided.

### TREATMENT

We can see that many trainers and owners have no consideration for the animals in their charge from the acts of the past. I have seen trainers pick dogs up by the scruff of the neck and drag them off the track with broken limbs. In general, these dogs are handled roughly and inhumanely.

These dogs are nothing but commodities and profit machines. If they do not perform they are put to death or given up. Their welfare means nothing. They are useless if they do not make money for their owners. We have heard from the owner's mouths to 'kill it - re-home it - just get rid of it - I don't care.'

You cannot legislate to make people care! If they do not care, they simply cannot be taught or legislated into caring.

I foster and rehabilitate greyhounds. Many who come in are emaciated, in very

poor health, and needing medical attention. They have injuries that have been left to 'naturally heal'. They are confused and frightened and many take some time to settle. Some are so very distressed they can take months, even years to recover and some cannot recover at all. Their previous owners and trainers do not care in the normal sense of the word for these dogs and I repeat, can never be legislated into caring or treating these dogs humanely.

It is my professional opinion that this industry can never be regulated to any type of acceptable standard.

By its very nature it cannot be humane.

A greyhound is like any other dog. They need care and comfort and their needs met. The racing industry can never provide this. The racing industry can never be regulated to provide proper protection for these animals.

The 'wastage' will continue. The suffering will continue and these dogs will continue to be exploited for gambling purposes.

Society is changing and the public have a very negative view of this industry.

Legislation can never work and is only seen as a whitewash for an industry which is dying.

Greyhound racing is banned in many many places all over the world. It is also losing favour with the public and can never recover, no matter the laws or attempts to make it humane or acceptable.

It is my professional opinion that these dogs will continue to suffer and be denied the necessities of life as long as they are used for entertainment and profit.

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