

# Discarded by the racing industry. Ending up in research labs.

Greyhounds have long been exploited by an industry fueled by greed and indifference to suffering. They are often considered a commodity to be discarded if they are unable to run fast enough and provide a profit. However there is yet another facet to this malevolent industry as greyhound owners relinquish non-profitable animals to another cruel fate – the research laboratory!

The latest Australian government statistics (2014) show that over six thousand dogs a year are being used behind closed doors for research and teaching.

Humane Research Australia has uncovered a string of cases in which 78 greyhounds, believed to be discarded by the racing industry, have been used in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia for dental, kidney and heart experiments.

The experiments are cruel and abusive. They are even further unjustified when we consider the growing evidence that dogs, and other animals, are poorly representative of human biology and diseases.



*"Virtually all the greyhounds I've met in my years of veterinary practice have been docile, trusting animals. To use them to practice invasive procedures and then kill them is a profound betrayal of trust. Living animals are not disposable teaching tools. When used in teaching they should never be harmed, and every effort should always be made to adopt them into caring homes as quickly as possible."*

~Dr Andrew Knight, BSc (Vet Biol), BVMS, CertAW, DipECAWBM (AWSEL), PhD, MRCVS, SFHEA



*"As a cardiologist who performed similar research using dogs early in my career, I learned two truths that were game-changing for me. First, the dogs used in such research do indeed suffer and of course are killed. That cannot be spun into "humane treatment."*

*"Second, the differences in canine and human cardiac anatomy, physiology, and genetic determinants are immutable, making any translation of results to humans speculative. For ethical and scientific reasons, the use of dogs or any other animals for research into human diseases and treatments must end."*

Dr John Pippin, Director of Academic Affairs, Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine in the US

# Meet Mickey

*Mickey was a procedure training dog in a Victorian institution. A former racing dog, he was used for practicing ultra sounds, giving tablets, taking blood, applying wound dressings and putting in drips. He was due to be killed at the end of his "use" but was rescued just prior to his scheduled demise.*

Mickey is one of the lucky dogs that was given a new life.



A snapshot of greyhound experiments from around Australia:

- ▶ *Greyhounds have a haemorrhage induced and then killed for kidney injury experiments – Murdoch University, WA*
- ▶ *Greyhounds deliberately suffocated, hearts removed, transplanted and then killed – Alfred Hospital and Monash University*
- ▶ *Greyhounds used in 'a series of acute experiments' with rotary blood pumps implanted in their hearts - Alfred Hospital and Monash University*
- ▶ *Greyhounds given dental implants then killed – Melbourne Dental School*
- ▶ *Greyhounds used in cardiovascular system study – highlighting significant intra-breed and intraspecies differences - University of Adelaide*

These examples provide a simple snapshot of what is being done to discarded greyhounds around Australia - an example of what little regard is held for these gentle animals that has been occurring for many years.

**Dogs should NOT suffer when there are more efficient methods.**

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