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More greyhounds killed in cruel experiments.

In an experiment conducted by Monash University, and funded by Australian taxpayers, ten male greyhounds were used to test the delivery of drugs to the lymphatic system and then killed.

The paper¹, published in 2016, describes how the thoracic lymph duct was cannulated and an intravenous catheter inserted into the cephalic vein to enable blood sampling. Drugs were administered orally. Lymph was collected continuously (10 hours post dosing). At the end of the sampling period the dogs were killed with pentobarbitone and their lymph nodes collected for study.

Latest Australian government statistics (2014) show that over six thousand dogs a year are being used for research and teaching behind closed doors.²

In October last year, Humane Research Australia [uncovered a string of cases](#) in which 78 greyhounds, believed to be discarded by the racing industry, were used in Victoria, South Australia and Western Australia for dental, kidney and heart experiments.

HRA CEO Helen Marston said *“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.”*

The revelations about the experiments on greyhounds surfaced after the greyhound racing industry in New South Wales came under intense scrutiny last year following footage showing industry participants were involved in live baiting, mass killings and burials of unwanted dogs.

The unjustified exploitation of “man’s best friend” by an industry fuelled by greed and indifference to suffering was found to have subjected countless smaller animals to fear, terror, and extreme suffering as they were used as live bait, and the dogs themselves considered a commodity to be discarded if they were unable to run fast enough and provide a profit.

For further information on this paper, see [Greyhounds used to test drug delivery](#)

For further information about the use of greyhounds in research see [Discarded by the racing industry - ending up in research labs](#)

(1) Han, S., Hu, L. Gracia, Quach,T., Simpson,J.S., Edwards,G.A., Trevaskis, N.L. and Porter, CJH. Mol. Pharmaceutics 2016 113, 3351-3361 Lymphatic Transport and Lymphocyte Targeting of a Triglyceride Mimetic Prodrug Is Enhanced in a Large Animal Model: Studies in Greyhound Dogs

(2) http://www.humaneresearch.org.au/statistics/statistics_2014