

GREYHOUNDS WORLDWIDE

These days greyhound racing is a global industry and the plight of the poor greyhound around the world is sickening. Greyhound racing has been recognised as a cruel sport and banned in 6 states in the USA and has recently been banned in South Africa with growing opposition in other countries.

AUSTRALIA

Every year tens of thousands of greyhounds in Australia are exploited for profit in the name of entertainment and consequently sentenced to a brutal death. Australia is the worst country in the world for the disposal of greyhound pups, with many thousands being slaughtered at a very young age. Hundreds of dogs are exported from Australia to Asia where they are sold to the meat market when their racing careers are over.

The Australian greyhound racing industry and other callous individuals are also supplying an enormous number of ex-racing greyhounds to universities, veterinary schools and vivisection laboratories for the purpose of experimentation and dissection. These helpless and frightened dogs are being repaid for their years of loyalty by being tortured through unnecessary and painful experiments and finally killed and dissected.



USA

The USA has one of the largest greyhound racing industries in the world, but it is in decline and is actually banned in some states. This decline is due to a combination of falling interest among the public and the hard work of American anti-greyhound racing groups.

Seven states have banned live and/or simulcast greyhound racing since 1993. The nation's two newest tracks, Shoreline Star in Connecticut and Camptown in Kansas, both of which opened in 1995, went bankrupt within one year or less. Economic decline has forced the closure or the end of live racing at 16 dog tracks since 1991.

This "sport" has conservatively claimed the lives of more than 1,000,000 greyhounds in its 75-year U.S. history.



IRELAND

"From our point of view it is all bad because the main point is if an animal is bred just for one purpose, once that purpose ends it's disposable," said Bernie Wright, director of Irish Dog Rescue, a service that tries to find homes for ex-racing dogs. With 25,000 greyhound pups registered in Ireland every year, and probably thousands more than that whelped, it is impossible to find homes for all of them once their racing careers are over at an average age of about three years. In recent years there have been many horrific cases in Ireland of greyhounds abandonment with their ears mutilated to prevent tracing their owners by their ear tattoos.



SPAIN

There is no longer any greyhound racing in Spain, but Spanish greyhounds (called "galgos"), used for hunting, generally live in the worst conditions any of us can imagine. Barely receiving any food and if so, they are only fed hard bread and water because the hunters believe that a hungry hound hunts better. The dogs have to live in dirty holes in the ground, in windowless stables or cellars, in complete darkness, sometimes for days unattended. A very common way to kill galgos is to hang them from trees.

SOUTH KOREA

Like other south east asian countries, South Korea is expanding its greyhound racing industry with support and encouragement from the rest of the greyhound world. The Australian industry is particularly prominent in this expansion. In South Korea there is no opportunity or hope of rehoming the dogs that have become surplus to requirements, therefore they often end up being slaughtered in the barbaric dog meat industry. Animal Freedom Korea is doing its best to prevent the legislation of dog racing.

VIETNAM

Like other south east asian countries, Vietnam is expanding its greyhound racing industry with support and encouragement from the rest of the greyhound world.

CHINA

China has a very bad record on the treatment of animals. It's no surprise therefore to find that there are concerns about the treatment of greyhounds in China. Also like the rest of South East Asia, China is being targeted by the Greyhound Racing Industry for expansion.