

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 11:18:07 PM

Dear Paul Papalia MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

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Thank you

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 10:44:59 PM

Dear Mark Folkard MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Remove the muzzle rule

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 10:35:26 PM

Dear Michelle Roberts MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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10. We have rescued 2 greyhounds from retired racing and it has truly touched our family how wonderful these creatures are. My wife through her work as a veterinary nurse has previously been subjected to "putting to sleep" handfuls of these dogs that were not fast enough. To think that there are further hurdles to their humane integration with society is simply unimaginable.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 10:11:29 PM

Dear Reece Whitty MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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As the owner of a beautiful rescue hound I can only say how utterly outdated and unnecessary the muzzle laws are. They make people afraid of what is a gentle and loving breed of dog. I've had more incidents with other breeds of dogs being aggressive than I have with greyhounds. Laws to make owners of all breeds of dog aware of what the focus should be on & banning the despicable sport of animal racing for monetary gain needs to be a high priority.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:37:53 PM

Dear Sabine Winton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme. My greyhound lives in harmony with three cats and is gentle and affectionate, yet has to wear a muzzle when I walk him. My neighbours dogs has bitten several people and goes muzzle free. It really is ridiculous my hound is the one that has to wear a muzzle.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:34:52 PM

Dear Simone McGurk MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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My friend has rescued an ex racing greyhound and she is timid and lovely. She does NOT need to be muzzled!!!!

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:26:05 PM

Dear Alyssa Hayden MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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We need to support the amazing organisations currently trying to re-home these beautiful dogs after the trainers discard them, volunteering with GAWA myself I have seen the negative response from the public when they see the dogs are muzzled, please help us get rid of this outdated and barbaric law.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support letter to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:19:19 PM

Dear Mark McGowan MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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We have worked with Greyhounds personally and now own one of our own, they are the most placid, calm dogs I have ever been around in my life and they truly deserve the same right that every other dog has. To walk in public without a muzzle and prejudice against the breed. We hope this outdated law gets a serious update as everyone that has met a Greyhound falls in love with them as they are truly amazing dogs.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:15:04 PM

Dear Liza Harvey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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We have 2 young children and adopted our grey Lola last year. When Lola wears her muzzle in public the reactions and perceptions are noticeably negative, I've seen people pick up their small fluffy dogs, people have crossed the road and crossed back after they pass, and I've seen Mother's protectively grab their children and pull them out of the way. On occasion when she hasn't worn it she gets attention and pats. We were at Stirling Farmers market and a Chihuahua was going off at her, leaping at her neck. Lola just looked at her and walked on non-plussed. She is docile, gentle and affectionate. She is always looking for the next place to lie down... I have never met a more gentle and uneventful dog breed, there is honestly more need for my son to wear a muzzle!

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:10:05 PM

Dear Josephine Farrer MP,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:01:34 PM

Dear David Templeman MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I currently foster retired greyhounds whilst they are awaiting adoption and have never had a reason to don the muzzle. They are very calm dogs and under the right control they pose no risk to other people / animals. Muzzling should be based on individual personality which is significantly affected by the dogs human family.

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From: [REDACTED]
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On a personal note, my rescued greyhound loves to be patted and meet new people as he lead such a strict life before. Not having the muzzle would allow so many more people to approach him and see him as the softy that he is.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [Redacted]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:59:23 PM

Dear Matthew Hughes MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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As you can see the above is the default text - which is all valid. My own point of view is that I feel greyhounds are a misunderstood breed. They don't need much exercise (despite the idea that they should due to racing) and they are very gentle dogs (goodness only knows what the training is). They do not deserve to be muzzled.

Thank you!

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:50:24 PM

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I look forward to hearing from you on this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:43:25 PM

Dear Margaret Quirk MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
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Thank you for your time.
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:38:46 PM

Dear Ian Blayney MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

Owning 3 Greyhound's over the last year has shown me how lovely this breed is.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:35:57 PM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:31:30 PM

Dear Ian Blayney MP,

Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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From:

Subject:

Date:

I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Monday, 15 July 2019 8:26:32 PM

Dear Alyssa Hayden MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

As a owner of a retired ex racing Greyhound, who has panic attacks every time he sees the muzzle, is terrified of other dogs and has never hurt anyone, I support the removal of muzzles.

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:25:12 PM

Dear Reece Whitty MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I have rescue greyhound and she is the most placid, chilled out dog I've ever met.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:16:47 PM

Dear Liza Harvey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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More and more Greyhounds become beloved pets every day

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:07:59 PM

Dear Mark Folkard MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:03:23 PM

Dear Jessica Shaw MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

We have recently adopted a beautiful greyhound named Poncho who we have had for 3 months, we have 5 children and a King Charles cavalier dog also, at no time has Poncho showed any behaviour that would make me worry about having him in our household. We walk him twice a day and not once has he showed any aggression to another animal (we have encountered other dogs, cats, kangaroos and birds on our walks).

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 8:03:22 PM

Dear John McGrath MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I believe muzzles should be on a dog to dog basis & find this law unfair for the greyhounds... if the other states have done it why can't we

Yours sincerely,

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From:

Margaret Quirk MP.

Hi Margaret

Thanks for taking some time to read my email.

I have adopted a beautiful - extremely lazy - greyhound who lives with me and my 2 cats.

She has never had the slightest inkling of wanting to attack any animal or person - even my toddler nephews when they are climbing all over her - or when my cats are racing around the house chasing each other. She'd rather stay on the couch nice and comfy.

This is very typical of the greyhounds' nature - pretty much always laid back and doing as little as possible.

The muzzle serves its purpose in racing to avoid accidental injury of dogs during a race - but they are completely unwarranted for "pet" greyhounds.

I'd appreciate if you would put forward my views as below:

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for ban on compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:52:28 PM

Dear Simone McGurk MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I adopted our retired racing greyhound 2 yrs ago and he is a gentle, loving dog who is wonderful with all people, including children. Unfortunately his muzzle means he is defenceless when he encounters off lead dogs on his walks and we have had a number of scary incidents where other dogs have tried to attack him. Of course, these other dogs are not greyhounds, have shown themselves to be the aggressors and do not have to wear muzzles.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:50:30 PM

Dear Kyran O'Donnell MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

Having a rescue Grey myself for over 3 years I am passionately genuine that he is not threat to any other animals without his muzzle on.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:50:06 PM

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8. The current 'prescribed training program' is called the Green Collar assessment. As with any behavioural assessment, it only can provide a snapshot of an animal's behaviour at a certain point in time. It doesn't recognise changes that may occur in a dogs behaviour over time, which could be influenced by variety of factors. Its implied assurance may discourage dog owner from ongoing responsibility for their pets behaviour developments
9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Many thanks,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an End to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:47:26 PM

Dear Antonio Buti MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

As the owner of a rescued ex racing greyhound, I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds

Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law

As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry, and I would be happy to introduce you to Cletus at any time, so you can see for yourself, he doesn't deserve the stigma that comes with having to wear a muzzle, when his best friend, a 75kg great Dane, does not.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:47:25 PM

Dear Yaz Mubarakai MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
8. The current 'prescribed training program' is called the Green Collar assessment. As with any behavioural assessment, it only can provide a snapshot of an animal's behaviour at a certain point in time. It doesn't recognise changes that may occur in a dogs behaviour over time, which could be influenced by variety of The factors. Its implied assurance may discourage dog owner from ongoing responsibility for their pets behaviour developments
9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Finally, we are the owner of a gorgeous greyhound girl, named Gemma. We also have 3 children, the youngest being 20 months, Gemma has been the most gentle dog since we've had her with all three children who hate to see her muzzled.

Your support in this would be immensely appreciated.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:44:49 PM

Dear Roger Cook MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
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9. There is evidence that suggests legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Thank you for your time.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:43:15 PM

Dear Mia Davies MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

I have had rescued greyhounds over quite a few years, and they have never showed any aggression at all.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From:

[Redacted]

15 July 2019 7:41:28 PM

Dear John Carey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I'm writing to you in regards the current review of Greyhound Muzzling in WA - As a Greyhound owner would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete an often traumatic training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals. In fact the greyhound breed is not represented in statistics on dangerous Breeds and dog bite frequency at all.
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:37:45 PM

Dear Reece Whitby MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme like all other dogs.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:37:21 PM

Dear Simon Millman MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:28:18 PM

Dear Peter Katsambanis MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety. This needs to change. Please speak on behalf of the community.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:27:26 PM

Dear Jessica Shaw MP,

I'm cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:24:39 PM

Dear Antonio Buti MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there have been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:22:14 PM

Dear Jessica Shaw MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training program.

I use to be a vet nurse working with greyhounds and now own a greyhound. They are very gentle in nature and are a beautiful family companion.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
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5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From:

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Date:

muzzling
Monday, 15 July 2019 7:19:03 PM

Dear Alyssa Hayden MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Thank you,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 7:14:21 PM

Dear Reece Whithy MP,
cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme. Our boy Del, is a natural as both an assistance and therapy dog. He had no formal training or the benefit of a normal puppy hood yet shows outstanding compassion and love to those who need it. These magnificent dogs are far more effective in dealing with mental health issues than any prescription drug.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 6:46:52 PM

Dear John McGrath MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities. There are other dogs, more ferocious, that are not subjected to such laws.
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
8. The current 'prescribed training program' is called the Green Collar assessment. As with any behavioural assessment, it only can provide a snapshot of an animal's behaviour at a certain point in time. It doesn't recognise changes that may occur in a dogs behaviour over time, which could be influenced by variety of factors. Its implied assurance may discourage dog owner from ongoing responsibility for their pets behaviour developments
9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety.

I suggest you foster a greyhound yourself for a week or so to determine if any of the above is incorrect.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From:

[Redacted]
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Date:

Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Monday, 15 July 2019 6:29:37 PM

Dear Yaz Mubarakai MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 6:14:46 PM

Dear Jessica Shaw MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I have been fostering rescue greyhounds for a couple of years now and they are the most amazing dogs , friendly , affectionate , playful but also happy to spend an afternoon on the couch , fabulous with kids and great companions. Having to muzzle a dog just because of it's breed makes no sense at all , if the dog is a happy , friendly well adjusted dog why on earth should they have to wear a uncomfortable muzzle every time the venture outside. I hope this ridiculous law is abolished once and for all !

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 5:30:30 PM

Dear Christopher Tallentire MP,

cc: Cat and Dog Statutory Review

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I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 5:29:14 PM

Dear Dr Nahan MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I write to you in relation to repealing the requirement to muzzle all greyhounds in public in accordance with the current WA Dog Act. (A greyhound must be muzzled in such a manner as will prevent it from biting a person or animal.) I have been a foster carer of greyhounds for over 3 years in which time I have fostered 11 dogs. I also have knowledge of many other greyhounds belonging to friends and colleagues of the association I foster through. It is my experience, as with so many others, that in general greyhounds are a very gentle, placid breed who adapt well to life as a pet after racing. Prior to being surrendered to a volunteer organisation they are normally in a kennel for up to 23 hours a day, have no attention or interaction with people other than basic needs and for training and racing, no play or enrichment and no interaction with other dog breeds. Despite this horrendous situation the majority adapt easily, and often quickly, to family life. The domestic situation the greyhound may be placed in can include young children, other dogs, cats, even small animals, and based on effective assessment of the greyhound prior to adoption there are few problems. A small minority of rescued greyhounds can be reactive to other dogs. However, the percentage that are reactive would certainly be no higher in comparison to other breeds and certainly considerably lower than those breeds that statistically have proven to be of an aggressive nature both to people and other dogs. Studies on dog aggression show that greyhounds are responsible for less attacks on both canines and humans than many other breeds who do not have to be muzzled. Whereas a known aggressive dog of another breed can be taken out in public, even let off lead to attack other dogs, yet does not have to be muzzled. In essence, there are no grounds or evidence to have a legislated requirement, specific to greyhounds, that they must be muzzled. Therefore, the requirement to muzzle all greyhounds, to prevent biting a person or animal, regardless of their nature and behaviour when out in public is totally unnecessary and unfair. I believe that the requirement to muzzle a dog should be based on their nature and behaviour when in public not on the breed and should be the owner's decision and responsibility. Some greyhounds find muzzling irritating (possibly painful) and will paw at their muzzle whilst wearing (takes most of the fun out of being exercised!). In addition, there is the misconception that the dog must be aggressive because it is muzzled causing unwillingness to interact with it, particularly allowing children to, or even worse not to adopt a rescue greyhound for this reason. Representing organisations at market stalls, collecting signatures to support repealing, I have found almost 100% willingness to sign petitions and in cases of ignorance of the current law a general disbelief that such a discriminatory provision against these placid dogs exists.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 5:12:51 PM

Dear Sabine Winton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

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- 10 My greyhound Stella, is always kept on a lead, more than I can say for a lot of other dogs, and is always calm and placid. She is my companion and we walk every day, she doesn't need a muzzle she us no danger to anyone.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 4:52:10 PM

Dear Zak Kirkup MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety. Please stop muzzling these beautiful animals!!!!

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 4:06:19 PM

Dear Lisa O'Malley MP,

Removal of the law requiring muzzles on companion greyhounds.

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support bill for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 2:10:46 PM

Dear Michael Murray MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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And last I would like to say that the work that each person who adopts an extracting greyhound does, to get them to live a happy and healthy life and to trust that people will love and take care of them, by making them wear a muzzle will take them back to their old ways of living as a racing hound, and all our work with them will take steps backwards and get them frightened again, so please get rid off this ridiculous ancient law.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 12:20:44 PM

Dear David Honey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I support the complete removal of section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds.

Companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle-free in public without the requirement to complete a training program.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds because:

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2. The RSPCA has found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds pose any greater risk than other dog breed
3. Western Australia and South Australia are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (TAS, VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for free to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 12:07:24 PM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

cc- Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

My greyhound Henry is the most kind, gentle and loving dog I have ever met. I would (and have) left him alone with very young children because he is so trustworthy. He has not once shown a hint of aggression towards any person or animal and is in fact, scared of cats and small dog and tries to escape when he's near them. He has actually been attacked by other dogs (chihuahuas, red beckers and other small dogs) and he just takes it without ANY retaliation at all. He is a beautiful dog and I'm disappointed that WA is far behind other states I'm still maintaining outdated Muzzle laws. Any person you talk to that has met a greyhound could tell you what calm, kind and friendly dogs they are. Of course there is always going to be rogue incidents with dog attacks or bites but to think this is only because of their breed is incredibly naive; any dog no matter what breed is capable of attacking, chasing or injuring but that doesn't translate to all dogs needing to wear muzzles.

I understand the green collar program but once you rescue a dog from such a vile, harmful and honestly traumatising industry as racing, there is no way in hell I would put him in a kennel again for a week while he is subjected to over the top testing. It would be distressing and traumatising to him and to us, as he has separation anxiety and just wants to be near me and my partner. Additionally, the profits of such testing go straight back through GAP to the racing industry itself which is simply bizarre. I rescued Henry from the industry and I will not contribute to its maintenance.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 11:52:58 AM

Dear Antonio Krsticevic MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme. My greyhound Darcy, is so gentle and has been the support dog in kindergarten when I lived in Melbourne. I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks. My friends and I with hounds have to be aware of other smaller breeds that are allowed to run free but attack our gentle hounds. Please consider this request as a breed they have and still suffer so much. They are truly gentle breed.
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Yours sincerely,

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From:

Jessica Stojkovič MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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My additions now Jessica:

As the owner now of two female rescued greyhounds, one who went through the GAP green collar assessment before I adopted her and one who didn't and was adopted via GAWA - Greyhounds Adoptions WA, I have one girl who doesn't have to be muzzled and one who does as a result.

I will state first, that even when the muzzle law is repealed, and it will be at some stage, my latest adoption via GAWA will still be taken out with her muzzle on until she gets over her reaction to small dogs, particularly ones which run near her. My slightly older girl, I have had her for almost 2 years now and she will be 5 in February, never raced and was used only as a brood bitch. She is very good around all small animals, wonderful around children and an ideal pet. My second girl, who will be 4 in October, raced and went through a dreadful time after she was relinquished. She was found close to death from starvation in a foster situation and removed. She was fostered again to a lovely lady who made huge improvements with her health. She had lost so much weight that she was only 21 kg. I adopted her a few weeks afterwards and knew that I had only a few weeks to get her from her then 24kg to 30kg, her ideal weight, before she suffered irreversible organ damage. We did it and the day she reached 30kg was a day of celebration. She was initially quite remote and nervous around other people and dogs but has improved so much now. She is beautiful with children and friendly with adults.

She is still reactive to a degree around small dogs but is improving as time goes on. She loves babies and children, my grandchildren love her, my neighbour's children include her in their regular goodnight cuddles and she is very happy to meet new children at any time. She is gentle, sweet and loving.

However, as a result of her racing period, she was highly reactive to small animals, especially when they ran. She is a work in progress but is making steady improvement and the reactivity is not as strong as it used to be. This behaviour is going to take some time and lots of understanding for her to get over but she will eventually.

In the meantime, even when the law is repealed, I will still put her muzzle on when we go out, but it would be lovely to be able to take it off sometimes for short periods when there are no small animals around. That would definitely help with her rehabilitation. She hates the muzzle.

As per the law, my girls are never off lead anywhere, even in fenced off lead parks.

I definitely approve of the increase in penalties for dog attacks. We experienced two in one day less than a week ago. I was crossing a park with my girls when a teenage girl, not looking up from her phone, walked in with her dog around 100m ahead of her. It immediately went into stalking mode and approached us in a very threatening manner. I tried to get the girl to call it off and put it on a lead but she ignored me. The dog tried to attack. I was shouting at it and trying to kick it away in defense of my girls, thankfully it realised I was not going to let it get to them and backed off, but not before I wrenched muscles in my back, side and wrist/arm which was holding my younger girl's lead.

I left that park straight away and walked to another one where a quick scan showed no dangers. I needed to settle my darling down. The older girl was stressed but not overly so, she trusted me to defend her.

The second park was quiet with only dogs my girls already knew would not be a danger to the, however, only a few minutes into our calming walk there, a teenage boy entered with six small dogs around him, all off lead. They immediately raced to my girls and started to circle, barking, snapping and snarling. I tried to call the boy to get them put on leads but he ignored me, on his phone like the girl before. All I could do was get out of there as fast as I could. We were all distressed.

We walked the streets after that.

This comes after a few months ago, my darling, placid older girl was attacked by a young labrador retriever which was off lead and not under any control at all by it's owner. I called a ranger and one eventually came and spoke to the owner as well as other people in the park. He didn't come back to talk to me after, just left. I didn't realise until after I arrived home that she had 6 small bleeding punctures under her throat and jaw.

I ended up having a discussion by phone with the senior ranger a few days later and was told that the middle aged and elderly women who frequent the park had all said the dog wasn't a problem but that mine were. This was a lie as my girls are always on lead and under control with one wearing her muzzle. The "man" is a brute and very arrogant, I have spoken to others who leave the park as soon as he gets there due to his and his dog's behaviour. He has a group of women who apparently live near him constantly fawning over him. They were the ones who said my dogs were the problem.

Any regulars who are not under this "man's" influence will confirm that my dogs do not cause any problems when I walk them. However, the muzzle leads some ignorant people to believe that my darling is dangerous. She isn't and couldn't be.

It is probably too late now but I would like to see councils required to place notices at every park's entrance's re the change in laws, especially stressing the penalties for dog attacks. The onus would be on dog owners to read them as a condition of entry to the parks. I would also like to suggest that every council be required to send advice with rates notices and dog registrations of the changes so nobody can try to claim ignorance in the future. The onus would be on people to read what is sent to them and ignorance would be no excuse. With rental properties, the owners should be required to provide the information to all tenants as part of the rental contracts.

Finally, our greys are gentle, sweet, kind and loving. They are vulnerable to attacks by small dogs because they tend to be sensitive about their long and exposed legs. I look forward to the new act and fully support it.

(NB. If you would like to meet my girls and see for yourself how lovely they are, feel free to contact me. I can also arrange or other greys to be available if we have enough time. We can arrange a meeting in a park perhaps? My older girl was at the GAP Marquee at the Royal Show last year being a greyhound adoptions ambassador and was loved by everyone she met. She also went straight up to people in wheelchairs, even motorised ones, to greet disabled people and children. She is very intuitive and handled it all magnificently. I hope to do it again with her this year.)

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support Bill for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 10:06:07 AM

Dear Antonio Krsticevic MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

1. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bites to people, other dogs or animals
2. The RSPCA have found no evidence to suggest that greyhounds as a breed pose any greater risk than other dog breeds
3. Western Australia, South Australia and Tasmania are the only Australian states still with this law. All other states (VIC, NSW, QLD, ACT, NT) have removed this law
4. The view supported by veterinary behaviourists is that the behaviour of a particular dog should be based on that individual dogs attributes not its breed
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
7. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks
8. The current 'prescribed training program' is called the Green Collar assessment. As with any behavioural assessment, it only can provide a snapshot of an animal's behaviour at a certain point in time. It doesn't recognise changes that may occur in a dogs behaviour over time, which could be influenced by variety of factors. Its implied assurance may discourage dog owner from ongoing responsibility for their pets behaviour developments
9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety
10. Personally I have experienced the unfairness of this law. I have a very gentle greyhound who is always walked on lead. Two years ago while walking in a local park we were viciously attacked by a lose uncontrolled American Staffy who almost killed my dog (\$6000 vet bill) and broke my finger. At the time this dog was not required by law to wear a muzzle. Thankfully it has since been declared dangerous. Only after this instance did the owner begin to take responsibility for his dogs actions and behaviour in public.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support bill for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:57:47 AM

Dear Emily Hamilton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme. My family has recently adopted a rescue greyhound and we would like your supporting in getting this law changed.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities
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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling as they are the most gentle dogs, that deserve to live their forever homes, without the stigma of muzzles
Date: Monday, 15 July 2019 9:25:44 AM

Dear Liza Harvey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I would like to express my support for the complete removal of the section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 in relation to companion pet greyhounds - namely that similar to the recent changes in ACT, Victoria and NSW.

I believe companion greyhounds should be allowed to go muzzle free in public without the requirement to complete a training programme.

I support the removal of this law for companion pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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9. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility of all dog owners, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

I own a greyhound called Willow, who is living the best retirement life.
She is the most gorgeous gentle-natured dog.
Let's hope this law gets passed, and many others can find their loving homes too!

Thank You.

Yours sincerely,

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