Hello,

I have owned three greyhounds, all of them adopted from racetracks in the USA. Every one of them was a gentle, sweet animal that loved humans of all ages. There is absolutely no need to muzzle these dogs in public spaces. There may indeed be certain breeds that can be dangerous to humans, but greyhounds are absolutely not one of them.

I hope that the Westerh Australian government will abolish this requirement for greyhounds. If it ever had a justification in the past, it most certainly does not now.

Sincerely, Steven Spencer



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	muzzles for greyhounds
Date:	Saturday, 20 July 2019 4:22:13 AM

I am writing today to express my feelings about requiring muzzles for greyhounds. Simply put: I feel this is ridiculous! A greyhound is no more likely to bite than any other dog is. Requiring muzzles for greyhounds is breed discrimination. And it is wrong.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.



Greyhounds who have suffered enough on the barbaric race tracks do not need to be subjected to this practice. They are tame and well-behaved creatures who do not deserve such rough treatment. Please reverse this weird law.

Thank you.





This civilized and humane person can only plead that you also consider being a little more compassionate in the treatment of greyhounds who race so that your gambling funds grow larger. Please consider NOT muzzling this wonderful creature as to do so only compounds the cruelty. Just TRY to be a little more KIND to other creatures. Thank you,

Dear Sir,

Please end the captivity and racing of greyhounds. This sport encourages gambling and is heartless with concerns for the dogs. These animals do not deserve to

Be muzzled or abused. All greyhound racing amounts to torture and abuse of these highly sensitive and intelligent beings. Please stop this despicable atrocity at once.

Sincerely,



To Whom it May Concern:

Greyhounds are some of the gentlest, calmest and sweetest dogs. Why must they be muzzled? Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to STOP discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are - **without** muzzles.

Do right by these lovely creatures. Don't require muzzles on greyhounds.

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To Whom It May Concern,

Please support the anti-muzzling campaigns such as <u>Free the Hounds</u> and support the repeal this cruel and misguided requirement. Thank you for your consideration,

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Muzzeling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 11:28:57 PM

This is the MOST unreasonable requirement I've ever hear of . . . cruel ignorance in my opinion!

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Please amend the Dog Act
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 11:13:13 PM

To Whom It May Concern:

Please consider amending the Dog to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

The greyhound is a very gentle dog by nature. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.



Dear Washington State Officials of the Cat and Dog Statutory Review Committee:

I kindly request that you seriously consider an amendment to the Dog Act of 1976; as you are aware, this act requires Greyhounds to be muzzled. I feel this act is outdated and entails misguided, breed-specific language that requires the muzzling of greyhound dogs. Since the writing of the Act over 40 years ago (when greyhounds were in the vast majority only known as racing animals), greyhounds have become well known as a household pet. Again, I do not feel it is any longer fair or appropriate to require the muzzling of Greyhounds. Will you please consider my request herein?

In support of my request and as quoted by "FREE THE HOUNDS, INC." of Washington State, who are advocating on the behalves of Greyhounds in Washington State:

" There is no evidence to suggest that the compulsory muzzling of greyhounds provides any benefit to the community nor makes the community safer • Western Australia's Dog Act is outdated and lagging behind the majority of other states who have already removed this requirement • Globally, Northern Ireland is the only other country in the world that has compulsory muzzling laws • Both the RSPCA and Australian Veterinary Association support the removal of compulsory muzzling laws • The WA racing industry regulator, RWWA has also indicated they support the removal of this law • Already over 4000 WA residents have signed petitions to support the removal of this law • There is no evidence to suggest that by changing this law there would be any increase in incidents involving greyhounds."

Thank you very much.



## Hello,

I write to express my resentment against the law that insists greyhounds are muzzeled, this law is outdated. Now with information to show clearly that Breed specific laws are not right and that every type dog needs judging only when there is a particular problem. change this law and liberate these gentle creatures.



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From:	
To:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	REMOVAL OF THE COMPULSORY MUZZLE LAW
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 9:21:18 PM

Pls amend the law regarding the compulsory muzzle for Greyhound. Thanks

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#### 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.

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
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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

10. I have fostered numerous Greyhounds over the last 7 years, I also own a greyhound, never have I encountered a dangerous greyhound. These dogs are trusting, loving, wanting to please and are just like any other dog.

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Dear Peter Rundle 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 urge that the muzzle law becomes dog specific, rather than breed specific.

Have owned receased greyhounds for 15 years now. Their gentleness is what has made me such a fan of this breed. Have certainly owned more aggressive dogs in the past, but the law has not required me to muzzle those dogs. This contrast is why I have written to you to ask you to put your weight behind a change in this antiquated law.

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- 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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- 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 also requires your dog to be put in a kennel for 5 days, something which is stressful for both animal and owner. It is also something that no other pet has to enduer in order to enjoy on-leash walls.

#### Thank you for your consideration to help these gentle greyhounds become accepted like every other dog in our community

Dear,

I pray to stop this cruelty and I ask to all you to amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

thank you



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	amend the Dog Act
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 8:27:17 PM

Dear Sir

Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. Its very cruel.



Good morning.

Please support amending the Dog Act; I don't see where this Act is effective or makes sense other than to stigmatize an entire breed of dog in requiring a muzzle.

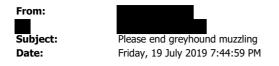
There is no evidence that shows this language - requiring a muzzle - is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks. Whether to muzzle a dog should be considered based upon the individual dog and their temperament, not imparted to an entire breed of dog. Responsibilities should reside with owners on this issue.

Thank you for your time.



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# Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to request an amendment to the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

As a breed, greyhounds are among the sweetest & most gentle dogs on earth.

The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds.

Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs in Australia everything should be done to promote their adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs really are.

Muzzles give these beautiful dogs a false image & they deserve better. Thank you so much.



Dear All,

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.

Kind Regards,

Sent from my iPhone



Please discontinue policies to muzzle greyhounds. Sincerely,



Dear Members of the Legislative Council,

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 am a proud greyhound owner. We adopted Eks 4 years ago, she is the most gentle and placid girl. When walking we are stopped often asking about her muzzle, we also have encountered negativity towards Elsa with adults moving their children away thinking that because of her muzzle she is extremely dangerous and vicious. My now 6 year old son learnt to say – she is a greyhound and it is law – very quickly.

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# sincerely,

From:	
To:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	greyhound muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 5:30:12 PM

Hi,

I would like to add my voice to the call to remove the law that makes muzzling pet greyhounds compulsory. I have just moved back to WA last week from Vic and was shocked to find out that the greyhound I adopted in Vic now needs to be muzzled here in Perth. The other states have dropped the ban and WA needs to get on board and do the same!!

Regards,



Dear John Quigley 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.

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

- I. Greyhounds are kept as pets in countries all over the world muzzle free and there has been no increased incidence of greyhound dog bits to people, other dogs or animals. I myself have a greyhound and she is the most gentle creature, she would never harm another animal and certainly would never bite a human.
- 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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#### Yours sincerely



Dear Liza Harvey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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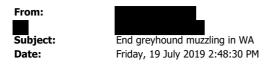
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10. I have a beautiful black greyhound called Pepper and she does not enjoy being muzzled when she would never hurt a fly. She loves cats, small fluffy dogs and the only time her teeth come out are to pick up shoes to collect in her bed.

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I am most surprised to learn muzzles are required for adopted greyhounds in Western Australian. Due to their peaceful nature, as recognized by the RSPA it would seem time for your state to fall into step with other jurisdictions and change this archaic requirement.

Yours sincerely





#### Dear Lisa Baker MP

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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#### Your consideration on this matter will be greatly appreciated.





Dear sir/madam,

I totally disagree with greyhound muzzling (or any breed for that matter - this is speciesism at its worst). It's long overdue to get rid of this outdated law and treat these animals with the respect they deserve.





Dear John Carey MP.

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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#### From: Subject: I support on this is compassivy greyhound muzzing Date: Friday, 19 July 2019 2:24:06 PM

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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.
- As the owner of an adopted greyhound, I can say that they are one of the most gentle and loving breeds of dogs I have encountered and frankly the outdated Law of muzzling them seems ladicross when other more vicious breeds are allowed to roam free with no control at all, ie, pit bulls, rottweilers, etc.

When was the last time anybody heard of a greyhound attacking it's owner or a neighbour's child - never as far as I can recall, yet it seems every few weeks there is an incident in the press about a pit bull or other similar breed attacking someone.



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Greyhounds are gentle dogs
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 1:55:55 PM

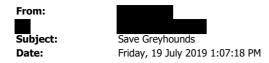
Who were taught to be brutal runners...but they are of noble spirit; they can be reeducated and prove to be wonderful companion dogs.

Please set their faces free!





Please amend the Dog Act to remove the requirement to muzzle greyhounds. This is a very unnecessary law, given that greyhounds, as a breed, are some of the most gentle, loving dogs, ever to exist. Please be fair to them. Thanks.



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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Respectfully,

From:	
To:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	PLEASE END THE MUZZELING OF GREY HOUNDS.
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 12:50:44 PM

Because,,,,,As a breed, greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are.





To Whom It May Concern:

There is absolutely no reason for retired track dogs to be muzzled in public, just because they are greyhounds. Greyhounds traditionally are used to being handled by people from a young age, and this early socialization tends to make dogs accepting of people and friendly.

Please amend or repeal this oudated unnecessary law.





Dear Simone McGurk MP. cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	End Greyhound Muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 11:13:02 AM

Please end this barbaric practice.

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Greyhound muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 10:55:41 AM

Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. Thank you,



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Amend the Dog Act
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 10:35:59 AM

Please remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

As a breed, greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of exracing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are!

Please stop this horrific practice of muzzling the gentle greyhounds! Thanks!

Sent from my iPad

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 8:49:05 AM

Please promote more adoption and lose the muzzles. This is breed discrimination. Save the greyhounds not kill them. Thank you.

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	greyhound muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 8:34:28 AM

From the info I have gathered I feel this law is without any logical reasoning. Please review and change this law.

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From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	No Muzzles Please
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 8:29:50 AM

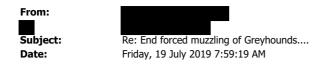
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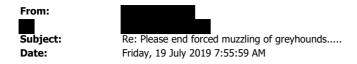
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# Dear Sir/Madam:

I was appalled to find out you are forcing muzzles on Greyhounds. I'm writing on the behalf of these sweet animals to ask officials to amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. As a breed, greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are. I know from personal experience that Greyhounds are wonderful dogs, especially with families. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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Thank you for your attention. It is greatly appreciated.

Regards,

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Greyhound muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 7:51:10 AM

As a retired greyhound owner, I wish to tell you there is no need for them to be muzzled. They are gentle animals and it is unnecessary to confine them in that cruel way.

Thank you for your attention in this matter.





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:
- 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
- Greyhounds are abused and used for our entertainment and still manage to be some of the most passive dogs in the world. Give them a better chance of adoption please.
- 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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From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	The Dog Act
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 6:06:33 AM

Amend the dog act requiring muzzling of greyhounds.

From:	
To:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Greyhound Muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 5:33:29 AM

Please stop muzzling greyhounds in public. I own a former racer greyhound and he is very sweet. I wouldn't think to muzzle him in public.

Thank you.



Cat and Dog Review
Greyhound muzzling
Friday, 19 July 2019 5:32:19 AM

Please, please stop the language that permits greyhound muzzling. Sincerely,



# Stop abusing animals!!@!

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S7.

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Fwd: Greyhounds in Ireland
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 4:58:46 AM

### Hello,

Please read my E-Mail below, that i sent to the minister of agriculture. Of Course there was no response.... so sad.

Best Regards



Dear Mister Michael Creed,

I saw the documentary about Greyhounds in Ireland and was so shocked. You Must stop the killing and the overproduction. You Must stop the Greyhound Racing. How can such Cruel practices exist in 2019. the mistreating of These animals Must stop. I begging you: please change the Situation.

I am from austria and was so sad to See what is happening in your Country.

Regards

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Muzzling of adopted greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 4:50:59 AM

Dear Sir,

Please reconsider your ruling to enforce the muzzling of adopted greyhounds. In my experience these dogs are amongst the most gentle of dog breeds and notin need of this treatment.

Thank you for reading my message.

Regards,

Envoyé depuis mon mobile Huawei

To Whom It May Concern,

Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. Greyhounds are known to be sweet, loving animals, and everything must be done to encourage their being adopted, particularly given the high kill rate of ex-racing greyhounds. We must treat all animals humanely.

Thank you for your attention. I look forward to your good action.



Dear Animal Regulators in Australia,

We are very concerned about your muzzle laws for Greyhounds. These animals are not a risk to anyone; they have very good temperaments! That is why the dog racing industry has used them as they are so compliant and mild-mannered.

This law is irresponsible and misguided. No one can judge a dog and its behavior by its breed! Each dog must be considered individually, certainly not by breed! This muzzling requirement must be repealed ASAP! It is simply unfair to inflict muzzles on sweet dogs with good behavioral traits!

Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided breed-specific language that requires Greyhounds to be muzzled in public. This sends a negative message to people who might fear these dogs when that fear is unfounded! These dogs deserve to be adopted into loving and caring homes! They have been abused enough and are truly lucky to be alive. The kill rate at race tracks is an abomination and must end! The dogs are treated like objects, all for the profit they bring in! When they suffer injuries or are not up to speed, they are quickly euthanized like pieces of trash! It is a disgusting industry that exploits and abused Greyhounds 24/7!

Many dog racetracks have been shut down around the world. The fact that Australia still supports this horrific cruelty sends a loud and clear message everywhere of your lack of respect and compassion!

We thank you fo your serious consideration for ending the muzzle law for Greyhounds! It truly is a step in the right direction. These dogs deserve humane treatment and the chance for good homes!

With sincere gratitude,



Dear Alyssa Hayden MP, cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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These are the most placid and gentle dogs on the planet

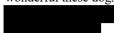




Amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Ignorance abounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 3:32:48 AM

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Thanks,



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	muzzling greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 3:30:16 AM

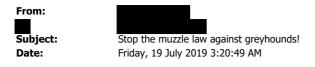
Mandated muzzling of every greyhound is cruel & unnecessary.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to request an amendment to the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring 'greyhound muzzling' as a blanket requirement.

There is absolutely no requirement, based on my many years of owning sight hounds and volunteering at the Greyhoind Trust here in the U.K.

Kind regards,



These dogs are gentle and do not poise a threat more than any other breed of dog! Please!



Good day,

Please note that I am writing to request that you amend the Dog Act 1976 to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring Greyhound muzzling.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Cat and Dog Review
GREYHOUNDS
Friday, 19 July 2019 2:49:20 AM

Please Amend the Dog Act to REMOVE language requiring GREYHOUND MUZZLING. Thank You for your kind consideration for these spectacular animals!

Please consider amending Dog Act 1976 to remove the requirement for all greyhounds to be muzzled in public without the requirement to complete a training program.

• There is no evidence to suggest that the compulsory muzzling of greyhounds provides any benefit to the community nor makes the community safer

• Western Australia's Dog Act is outdated and lagging behind the majority of other states who have already removed this requirement

• Globally, Northern Ireland is the only other country in the world that has compulsory muzzling laws

• Both the RSPCA and Australian Veterinary Association support the removal of compulsory muzzling laws

• The WA racing industry regulator, RWWA has also indicated they support the removal of this law

• Already over 4000 WA residents have signed petitions to support the removal of this law

• There is no evidence to suggest that by changing this law there would be any increase in incidents involving greyhounds

Thank you for considering an amendment.

To Whom It May Concern,

I am appalled at this cruel act against greyhounds. These dogs suffer enough torment by those who race them for greed and gain. I thought much more of Australia as far as animal protections go but I have been reading about some inhumane acts which the government needs to stop and this is one of them.

I hope someone with compassion, love for humans and animals, kind and generous with dignity will stop this act of cruelty of muzzling the Greyhounds. We in America are suffering under Trump's evil agenda including not caring about animals or anything for that matter. I would hope there are countries which are above this behavior and Australia should definitely be one.

Do not allow this act and all acts of animal cruelty to bring your country down. Stand up for animals and their protection and you will not be sorry for these acts of kindness, so rare in this world any more.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and coming to a wise and intelligent decision on this matter.

From:Cat and Dog ReviewTo:Cat and Dog ReviewSubject:Dog muzzlingDate:Friday, 19 July 2019 2:31:06 AM

This law doesn't make sense. Please consider repealing it! Thank you,

Sent from AOL Mobile Mail Get the new AOL app: <u>mail.mobile.aol.com</u>

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Protect Greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 2:31:05 AM

Hello

I'm writing to respectfully request that you end the muzzling of greyhounds.

I've been around many rescued greyhounds, and if there's one dog that doesn't need a muzzle...it's a greyhound!

Please don't judge all greyhounds the same. Each one has its own personality. However, I've never met a greyhound who requires a muzzle!

Thanks for your attention to this important matter.



These magnificent animals do not need to be muzzled.

As a breed, greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high "wastage" (kill) rate of ex-racing dogs Down Under, everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are.







I strongly urge you to reform and remove legislation regarding muzzling greyhounds. Breed legislation is discrimination and shouldn't apply to any one particular breed of dogs, but why this in place for greyhounds is a mystery. Greyhounds are not a "vicious breed". They have wonderful temperaments.

The kill rate of ex-racers is so high, you should be doing everything possible to promote adoption. Keeping them muzzled is a huge detriment to this cause.

Further, the RSPCA and leading veterinarians all agree that it's time to end these laws and stop discriminating against greyhounds.

Their adoption rate depends on you. Please help them.

Sincerely,

From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Do Not Muzzle Greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 2:06:47 AM

I am writing to ask that you remove legislation to muzzle greyhounds. This is misguided legislation. Greyhounds are very sweet dogs, not vicious at all. Breed legislation is never good, but greyhounds most certainly should not be discriminated against.

The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree it's time for state law to stop discriminating against greyhounds. Given the high kill rate of former racing dogs, everything should be done to promote their adoption, including letting people see how wonderful these dogs are. This isn't possible with a muzzle on!

Thank you,





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From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Muzzling Adopted Greyhounds
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 1:42:28 AM

Please repeal this law that requires adopted greyhounds to be muzzled in public! It is an outrage to think that these dogs have raced around a track muzzled and made spectacles out of at the expense of "so called" entertainment of human beings! Then they finally find some peace in a loving home and are " required" to be muzzled again to go on a walk! Its utterly preposterous! Please repeal this law!!



We are finding out around the world of this just stress things actuation regarding the treatment of the dogs. It is very distressing, and mostly unnecessary. With the upmost respect, I would like to ask along with concerned I have a cats everywhere to please take this issue to heart.

Thank you so very much,



Dear Sirs/Madam,

Please, amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.



To whom it may concern,

I own two rescued greyhound racers and they are the kindest creatures you could imagine. I cannot imagine what my greyhounds endured on the race tracks or being caged in the kennels, not to mention the scars on their bodies. Others have it far worse and suffer horrible injuries and unkind deaths.

With that said, if they make it off the racetracks I believe they should be able to live a peaceful and carefree life as any other pet dog. The likelihood of this breed being viscous is extremely rare; in the rare case if they are troubled, then I believe a muzzle should be enforced.

Please end this practice of forced muzzling with Greyhounds in Western Australia.





You need to amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. As a former greyhound 'mom', they are the sweetest, kindest and most gentle dog breed you could ever imagine. I am involved with dog rescue in the US and have rescued/fostered everything from Chihuahua's to Mastiffs. There's no reason to muzzle ANY dog unless there is proven issue with the INDIVIDUAL dog. This is no different that the prejudice that people have of Pitbulls. Get educated and understand, just like humans, dogs are individuals.

# Respectfully,



From:	
То:	Cat and Dog Review
Subject:	Muzzling
Date:	Friday, 19 July 2019 12:45:37 AM

Please amend the Dog Act to remove breed-specific language requiring muzzling, especially of adopted greyhounds. Muzzling should be based on specific dog behavior, not on where a dog came from, its past, or its breed.



From:Cat and Dog ReviewTo:Cat and Dog ReviewSubject:Grey HoundsDate:Friday, 19 July 2019 12:08:04 AM

Why do you hate grey hounds so much. No Muzzles. Treat humanely.



I have adopted greyhounds since 1994. We have so far had a total of 6. These are gentle, loving dogs. There is no reason whatsoever to muzzle a greyhound in public. They are not aggressive dogs and this law is absurd.



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