

# Australia continues to supply dogs to Macau Canidrome despite country ban

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An Australian newspaper, the Sydney Morning Herald, has revealed that Australia has continued to supply the Macau Canidrome with greyhound dogs, despite the fact that there is a ban on the exportation of greyhounds to Macau due to the alleged animal cruelty taking place in the Canidrome.

MDT has previously reported on the dozens of young greyhounds exported to Macau's Canidrome racetrack.

This month, Greyhounds Australasia said that it stopped issuing passports for dogs to be exported a year ago, because it does not condone exporting greyhounds to any country that does not meet

animal welfare standards.

However, the report points out freedom of information documents showing that Australian greyhounds continue to be sent to Macau.

The ban that was reportedly put in place a year ago has only just been made public, attracting criticism about the secrecy surrounding the decision by Greyhounds Australasia.

The organization has been criticized for keeping under wraps a review into live dog exports, including the development of welfare standards for countries importing Australian greyhounds. The findings of the review, undertaken in 2012, have never been made public.

Member of the New South Wales Parliament John Kaye criticized that the industry bodies don't want to be held accountable for their failure to stop the trade. "By keeping the suspension of the greyhound passports program a secret, Greyhound Racing NSW and its federal body have turned a blind eye to the trade and failed to raise public alarm over the fate awaiting the dogs in Macau," he told the Australian newspaper.

He said that the record of ongoing exports shows that the greyhound regulators had put no effort into enforcing the ban, and if there had been any serious intent to stop the abuse of Australian dogs exported to Macau, the state and federal bodies would both have raised a public alarm.

Australia is the main source of greyhounds at Macau's Canidrome racetrack, which animal welfare groups have been campaigning to have shut down because of its history of killing healthy dogs when their racing career falters or ends. In 2003, International lobby group Grey2K urged the federal government to ban the live export of Australian greyhounds, since they will most likely face mistreatment and death, particularly when they are not considered good enough.

It has been estimated that at least one dog a day is killed, because the industry in Macau does not have any rehoming programs. GY

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