

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 10:52:22 PM

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 have owned my own greyhound for two years and find the muzzle is not needed or necessary in actual fact I've seen other dog breeds aggressively attacking.

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
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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 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 on all dog owners for their dog's actions, regardless of breed, 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: Sunday, 28 July 2019 10:21:45 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.

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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. Do we really want our state to be marked by this archaic, discriminatory 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. Individual golden retrievers can behave aggressively yet there is no serious suggestion that they should be muzzled.
5. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry. These guys often sleep for 20 hours a day! They are sleepy and placid dogs not aggressive or troublesome.
6. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities. As such many dogs end up in humane situations are often unnecessarily sterilised. Muzzling also contributes to public perception that greyhounds are not like other dogs and therefore the abuses they experience as part of the racing industry are acceptable.
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 8:41:05 PM

Dear Simone McGurk MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 7:01:26 PM

Dear Simon Millman MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I ask you to go out and get to know a few greyhounds yourself and you, too, will see how beautiful and gentle they are.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 6:49:34 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.

I am the owner of a rescue greyhound. He is the most gentle, beautiful pet I have ever had. 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: Sunday, 28 July 2019 4:15:46 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.

My greyhound Lily has the most placid nature and honestly would never even hurt a fly! All greyhounds I have met have been completely non-reactive, and are no different to any other breed!

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: Sunday, 28 July 2019 3:06:51 PM

Dear Rita Saffioti 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 pet greyhounds for the following reasons:

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10. My greyhound hides from other dogs and once was attacked on the beach and couldnt protect herself. There are a lot more aggressive dogs on our streets that should be muzzled.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 2:55:06 PM

Dear Benjamin Wyatt MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I have been around rescued greyhounds for the past 15 years. My best friend has had three in that time and the were all loving and docile pets, which prompted me to rescue my own, Preston (named after celebrity Matt Preston!) is 3.5 and so beautifully loving of every person he meets. He just wants affection. Family enough all the little dogs in the park love him too. He's like the pied piper with several following him around to steal kisses from him. He's very patient and he lets them slobber his face. I love my boy. Preston is lucky enough to have passed the green collar test and doesn't have to wear a muzzle.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 12:19:16 PM

Dear Michael Murray 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.

Greyhounds are one of the most gentle dogs I have experienced .

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 8:40:05 AM

Dear Emily Hamilton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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I do not want dogs to be prejudiced just because of their breed. My dog is able to walk free (kelpie x) so I believe other dogs like greyhounds should too.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 7:57:34 AM

Dear Rita Saffioti MP,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support bill to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 28 July 2019 6:24:46 AM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

As the owner of a Bernese mountain dog who has many greyhound friends who play amazingly together and who are one of the most gentle breed,

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 bill for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 10:19:00 PM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 9:17:32 PM

Dear Mark McGowan MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Additionally, I personally have several friends both in Australia and in other countries who have pet greyhounds, most of which are ex-racing hounds, and none of them have been anything but sweet, gentle creatures who just want to love and be loved. I've seen them in homes with cats and kids and other dogs and they have always been so lovely. Even one particular hound, who we know was "blooded" and trained with live bait is the sweetest little thing.

Muzzles should be determined based on a specific animal's temperament, not their breed. I've known vicious labradors and gentle greyhounds, but only one of those animals is required to wear a muzzle just because of their breed (

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 8:01:59 PM

Dear John Carey MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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

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Please do the right thing.

Yours sincerely,

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From:

Subject:

Date:

I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Saturday, 27 July 2019 3:53:30 PM

Dear Peter Rundle MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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 10. I work at a boarding kennel/ grooming establishment and have worked hands on with many grayhounds and have found they are better behaved dogs then most that have come in, they show no pen agression or any form of intent to harm in any way, even when pened next to reactive or aggressive dogs. Nor do they show intent to harm other small animals like cats, in general grayhounds are very placid dogs iv never meet a grayhound that i thought had to be muzzled for me to work with them even at the grooming station where most dogs react to the dog wash grayhounds take that in there stride.
- In summer the dog breed specific laws are out of date and need to be reviewed as the dog breeds they target don't pose Any threat when compared to other dog breeds. Its not the breed that makes a dog dangerous its how its raised/ treated.
If your treated like a monster you will act like a monster.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature and contact information]

From:



Subject:

Greyhound Muzzles

Date:

Saturday, 27 July 2019 1:34:50 PM

WA Gov.,

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.

Thank you for your time,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 1:14:48 PM

Dear Margaret Quirk MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I, Rebecca McMillin, 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 for end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 12:14:03 PM

Dear David Kelly 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 own personal experience of greyhounds as pets is that they are extremely gentle and loving creatures, with very affectionate natures. They are generally docile and relaxed in daily life and accepting of all manner of people and situations. In fact, they are excellent family pets.

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:

Subject:

Date:

I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Saturday, 27 July 2019 11:36:44 AM

Dear David Michael MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

As the owner of a very friendly and happy retired race hound who rubs his face on my leg every time I put his muzzle on for a walk in an attempt to beg for its removal, 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 for ban on compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 11:14:40 AM

Dear Antonio Buti MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Thanks for reading

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 10:46:07 AM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

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: Saturday, 27 July 2019 9:38:40 AM

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.

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As an addition as a vet nurse by trade and having worked and studied with hounds they are beautiful dogs and I don't believe the need for them to be muzzled in public any more, they are not dangerous and don't deserve the label given from association with the muzzle. I thoroughly support the removal of this legislation

Yours sincerely,
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 8:38:59 AM

Dear Amber-Jade Sanderson MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

Dear Amber

My partner and I have a greyhound and he is very loving to others. There is no need for muzzles as they give others bad impressions of the breed. There are slot more violent breeds in people back yards that don't need to wear muzzles. We hear on social media and the news that dogs kill other pets and attack people that require serious medical attention but never hear that it is from a greyhound.

Kind regards

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Yours sincerely,

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From:



Subject:

PLEASE STOP FORCED MUZZLING OF GREYHOUNDS!!

Date:

Saturday, 27 July 2019 8:12:11 AM

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support all dog to companion greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 27 July 2019 7:47:43 AM

Dear Alyssa Hayden MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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From: [Redacted]
Subject: Support bill to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 11:59:53 PM

Dear Christopher Tallentire MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

Please consider section 33(1) of the Dog Act 1976 as the archaic and harmful law it is.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 8:21:04 PM

Dear Benjamin Wyatt 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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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 6:12:19 PM

Dear Donald Punch 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 have come in contact with many greyhounds as I volunteer for a local animal rescue. I also have a greyhound x, who is very much a typical greyhound by nature. This breed has a beautiful nature, all they want to is love and warmth. My greyhound x lives with another dog and cats, he is very placid and calm.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 5:55:46 PM

Dear Emily Hamilton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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

We take faith that intelligence will win and this outdated law will be scrapped.

With thanks for taking action.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greyhounds should not be muzzled!
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 5:35:51 PM

They can hardly breath, especially in hot & humid weather!!!!

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 3:17:00 PM

Dear Benjamin Wyatt 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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Thank you for your time and support

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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 3:16:51 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 have been privileged to own my beautiful greyhound Grace for over 3 years now and she has the most consistently beautiful temperament towards both humans and other animals. Muzzling makes no sense as an arbitrary requirement and and denies responsible owners such as myself to make reasoned and informed decisions based on experience and consistently observed behaviours. Compulsory muzzling often causes stress in other dog owners that are unaware of the requirement rather than specific need, whose fear is then picked up by their and dogs as a result, all of which is counter-productive and unfair to all concerned.

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 above (personal) and 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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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 2:55:01 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.

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We have 2 of the most beautiful calm greyhounds that pose a threat to nothing but their stuffed toys. Please help is in lifting the outdated muzzle law in WA.

Yours sincerely,

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

From:

Subject:
Date:

I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Friday, 26 July 2019 2:15:30 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.

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

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I think this makes sense!

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Yours sincerely,

[Redacted signature and contact information]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 11:16:28 AM

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

Greyhounds suffer horrifically at the hands of people for the name of racing. Those lucky ones who are able to go on and live a 'normal' life in a family environment should not need to bear the brunt of their past, by being muzzled in public. As a regular to the Baldivis Dog Park, we interact with many greyhounds who are docile giants, not the aggressive, blood thirsty hounds this law makes them out to be.

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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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Friday, 26 July 2019 6:55:21 AM

Dear Mark McGowan 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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As a Rockingham local yourself, if you would like to meet my Greyhound Jeffrey so you can see just how soft he is then let me know!

Yours sincerely,

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

From:



Subject:

Stop this practice of muzzleing. These are Gods Gentle Creatures!!

Date:

Thursday, 25 July 2019 11:25:02 PM

Sent from

my iPhone

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog Act Amendment
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 7:32:21 PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

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

Yours hopefully,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 6:49:59 PM

Dear Amber-Jade Sanderson MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

Having adopting a greyhound I can personally say how gentle and unphased he is. It sucks to have to muzzle him at the park and everyone looks at him like his so dangerous and it's so sad.

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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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

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

Date:

Thursday, 25 July 2019 3:40:02 PM

Hej,

jag har semester till och med den 12 augusti, och svar på mejl kan därför dröja.



From:

[Redacted]

25 July 2019 12:22:47 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.

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- 10) After all these points, that we are happy to sign to abolish muzzles on greyhounds, we need to educate humans to let them know that this breed of dog is okay, they are not the problem. It is the human who is at fault.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for ban on compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 11:31:49 AM

Dear Amber-Jade Sanderson 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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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 7:46:14 AM

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.

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My dog Stanley is a rescue hound and is the most loving gentle soul.

Yours sincerely,

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

From:



Subject:

Amend the Dog Act NOW!

Date:

Thursday, 25 July 2019 7:12:29 AM

Dear WA Department of Local Government, Sport, and Cultural Industries,

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. Please amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling NOW! It is shocking and embarrassing for Western Australia.

Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Muzzling
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 3:51:58 AM

Please stop the practice of muzzling Greyhounds. It's cruel, unnecessary and inhumane.
Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Thursday, 25 July 2019 1:33:11 AM

Dear Janine Freeman MP,

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.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:38:06 PM

Dear David Kelly 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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I am an experienced foster carer with greyhound rescue so have had the ultimate privilege of helping many greyhounds transition from a racing lifestyle into the life of a pet and cherished family member. In my opinion I believe we would be able to rehome many more greyhounds if this archaic muzzle law was abolished as a lot of people and children are scared and turned off by the muzzle. The majority of these dogs are such gentle creatures and dont deserve the discrimination they receive. Muzzling should be applied on a case by case basis as is any other dog breed in WA.

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:35:37 PM

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I am an experienced foster carer with greyhound rescue so have had the ultimate privilege of helping many greyhounds transition from a racing lifestyle into the life of a pet and cherished family member. In my opinion I believe we would be able to rehome many more greyhounds if this archaic muzzle law was abolished as a lot of people and children are scared and turned off by the muzzle. The majority of these dogs are such gentle creatures and dont deserve the discrimination they receive. Muzzling should be applied on a case by case basis as is any other dog breed in WA.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 8:20:17 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:

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Yours sincerely,

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From:

[Redacted]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling

Date:

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 5:47:53 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.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 5:30:26 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.

Although my pet greyhound Jagger has completed GAP's green collar assessment and is not required to wear a muzzle in public while wearing his collar, I believe this freedom should be extended to all companion greyhounds. As someone with many years' experience in handling and training dogs, I am a firm believer that muzzles have a place, however a breed specific law is inappropriate and does not improve the safety of the community.

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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[REDACTED]
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From: [Redacted]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 2:42:09 PM

Dear Peter Watson 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 experience with greyhounds has been nothing but extraordinary, kind, gentle and very laid back. It brakes my heart every time I have to put the muzzle on. I believe for this positive movement toward the re homing of greyhounds to continue we need them to be muzzle free. Please support this.

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 bill 610 to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 2:08:44 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.

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10. My greyhound was attacked and bitten by another dog, he could not even defend himself

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 11:45:19 AM

Dear Paul Papalia MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Thank you for your consideration

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Please End Muzzling of Greyounds. Thank you.
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 11:28:52 AM

Please end forced muzzling of greyhounds. Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Muzzling of greyhounds
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 11:10:43 AM

I have previously made a submission to the review of the Act but also wish to add my views on compulsory muzzling of greyhounds. I do not think this is necessary as a compulsory measure. I do not own greyhounds but I encounter many on my daily walks with my own terrier dogs. I have never had any issues with greyhounds. I am sure there are a small number that should be muzzled as occurs with other dog breeds. However it seems a step too far to muzzle all greyhounds. Please re-think this measure.

Thank you for hearing my additional submission.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Redacted]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:54:45 AM

Dear Peter Watson 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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10. We have owned a greyhound for three years and met countless others. They've all been very docile creatures themselves, but particularly when compared to other breeds.

You are welcome to come and meet our Asta if it helps sway your decision!

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Not all greyhounds need muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:47:26 AM

Dear David Kelly MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I called your office today and have scheduled a call from you on Friday.

In ACT, Vic and NSW, pet greyhounds don't need muzzling, and this should be the same in WA.

I would like the complete removal of the 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. When they do wear muzzles, other people and pet owners become instantly wary and worried about them which is unwarranted. As an owner of a pet greyhound and a dachshund, I've been to enough dog parks to see that greyhound owners are very aware of which of their dogs need muzzling and which don't. And further to this, there are many other individual dogs I've seen, not breed specific, and not greyhounds, which SHOULD be muzzled in public!

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

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I look forward to your call on Friday

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:44:33 AM

Dear Liza Harvey 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.

As a professional in the pet care industry, I know first-hand just how gentle, calm, and good-natured this beautiful breed truly is. Having worked closely with many breeds of dogs, I can confidently say that greyhounds have consistently been the most well-behaved breed with the most ideal and stable temperament. Requiring them to be muzzled by law is not only out of date and irrelevant, it increases unnecessary stigma surrounding the breed due to the negative connotations associated with a muzzle.

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:



Subject:

Please Amend the Dog Act - no muzzles for greyhounds!

Date:

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:30:10 AM

Dear Gentlepersons,

I'm writing to ask you to PLEASE AMEND THE DOG ACT to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling. It negatively affects how the public views these sweet dogs. Obviously, with a muzzle on, they appear mean and dangerous, when the exact opposite is the case.

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.

Thank you for your time in reading my e-mail!



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 9:11:32 AM

Dear Peter Watson MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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Yours sincerely,

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From:



Subject:

Muzzles on Greyhounds

Date:

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 8:27:43 AM

The appearance of a muzzled dog suggests a dangerous animal. A muzzled chihuahua could appear to be a dog that will bite you!

I had a greyhound and when she died I got another greyhound partly because these are gentle, loving dogs. I have little grandchildren and I would never do anything to endanger them. I feel relaxed and confident that a greyhound is a dog that I trust near my grandchildren.

Please, please unmuzzle these dogs and therefore correct this misconception about these gentle dogs.

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support all state to companion greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 7:59:35 AM

Dear Benjamin Wyatt 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: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 7:32:22 AM

Dear Antonio Buti MP,

cc- Cat and Dog statutory review

I hope something would change!!!

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: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 6:57:02 AM

Dear Roger Cook MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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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 on all dog owners for their dog's actions, regardless of breed, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety.

Please help us.

Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog Act
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 6:46:02 AM

Dear Officials:

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

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support bill to companion greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 5:36:07 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.

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Thank you

Kind regards

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From:



Subject:

Greyhound Muzzling

Date:

Wednesday, 24 July 2019 4:34:06 AM

Since the Dog Act of 1976 greyhounds have been forced to be muzzled in public. And I understand that at the time, there was a real concern about this new concept of rehoming and rehabbing racing dogs. But now, more than forty years later, we know that greyhounds are unbelievably sweet and gentle dogs. This law, despite being called the "Dog Act" is cruelly specific and does nothing but disparage the temperament of a breed that is in desperate need of adoption help and resources for no valid reason. Research and veterinarians agree that greyhounds are rather docile and muzzling does nothing to prevent or reduce the number of dog attacks no matter the breed.

Please repeal this law.



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greyhound muzzling
Date: Wednesday, 24 July 2019 1:52:51 AM

To whom it may concern;

After learning of the legislation in certain states in Australia mandating muzzling of greyhounds in public, I must add my voice against this outdated and terribly biased law.

Greyhounds are beautiful, gentle dogs, and have no more propensity to aggression than any dog of any breed. Please review this legislation, looking at it from a practical, current and unbiased standpoint. I'm sure if you do this, you will see that forced muzzling of these dogs, simply because of the breed, doesn't make any sense. These beautiful dogs deserve better treatment, especially given their long history of abuse.

Thank you for reading this email. I hope you will me the right decision.

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

Muzzled greyhounds

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 10:48:06 PM

These gentle hounds suffer dreadfully if muzzled. They make wonderful pets. I never muzzle my retired racer and she is gentle & docile.

Yours sincerely,,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog Act
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 9:05:08 PM

Good morning,

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

Best Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 7:51:31 PM

Dear Yaz Mubarakai MP,

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

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 7:33:50 PM

Dear William Marmion MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I am a dog-owner, and in the twenty years I've lived in Perth I have got to know many people with greyhounds as pets - most of them rescue dogs. They are a wonderful breed and no more of a risk to the community than any other breed of dog.

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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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 7:21:09 PM

Dear Michelle Roberts MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

My family has rescued two beautiful 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.

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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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support for ban on compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 7:02:31 PM

Dear John Quigley 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 currently own two greyhounds that are more aggressive with the muzzle on, then with it off. We are putting them in more danger with it on then with it off as other dogs pick up on them being fearful with it on, then when they have it off.

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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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 6:33:55 PM

Dear Michelle Roberts 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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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 6:32:39 PM

Dear Yaz Mubarakai MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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My greyhound Winston has been around many people including children without a muzzle and in no way is he dangerous to anyone. Winston does not like wearing his muzzle and finds it irritating when I have to put one on him.

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 6:32:41 PM

Dear William Johnston MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

There is no reason for the current law to exist with muzzling of beautiful gentle greyhounds and 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: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 6:15:59 PM

Dear Elizabeth Mettam MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I have been a greyhound owner for almost 6 years now & never once has my boy needed a muzzle to protect other dogs or people, or for any other reason except that it was the law he wear it until tested for his 'green collar' which he passed with flying colours!

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: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:05:20 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.

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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. My experience with greyhounds as pets show that they are very companionable, docile and removing this law would probably help with the re-homing programme.

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [Redacted]
Subject: Re: Issue with compulsory greyhound muzzling for my dog Sos
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:02:53 PM

Dear Donald Punch 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.

Having my own darling hound Sos makes this a personal issue for me, and I know many other lovely greyhounds who deserve to be free of compulsory muzzling!

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: Support for ban on compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 4:59:10 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.

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As the owner of a rescue Greyhound I would love nothing more than to see this archaic law removed.

Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

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

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 3:42:46 PM

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

Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 3:34:38 PM

Dear Antonio Krsticevic MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

As a greyhound owner, 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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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 bill for compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 2:30:10 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.

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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Yours sincerely,

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 2:28:02 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.

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. Greyhounds are not required to be muzzled in the UK.
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. A greyhound might have NEVER raced, had most of its teeth removed (sadly not uncommon in ex-racing dogs) and STILL be required to wear a muzzle! This is nonsensical madness!
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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Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 1:55:24 PM

Dear Francis Logan 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 husband and I own a rescue greyhound called Captain, and he is the most gentlest, calmest dog you could ever meet. He never barks or snaps and has shown no interest in other dogs. When we are out with him with his muzzle on, we have had people cross the road to get away from us as it makes him look aggressive when nothing could be further from the truth.

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,
[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greyhound Muzzling Law
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 12:43:09 PM

Please stop requiring adopted greyhounds to be muzzled in public places.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

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[Redacted]

Dear WA Officials,

Following successful anti-muzzling campaigns in five other Australian jurisdictions, it's time to repeal this requirement in your state, too! **Please**, amend the Dog Act to remove 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.

Sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 11:50:18 AM

Dear Rita Saffioti 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

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 10:21:11 AM

Dear David Kelly 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. As an owner of 2 greyhounds that were rescued from the racing industry as well as having contact with many other people that own greyhounds through direct contact and social media I have substantial experience with the breed. It is my personal experience with the breed that greyhounds are at no more risk and often less risk than other common breeds at attacking other animals and people. In fact my experience with greyhounds is that they are arguably more gentle and placid than many other breeds of dog that I have owned such as German Shepards, collies, labradors etc, breeds that are not required to be muzzled.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

From:



Subject:

Greyhound Muzzling Laws

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 9:30:29 AM

Hello,

I'm writing to ask you to review the law requiring greyhounds to be muzzled in public. They are very gentle, passive dogs and highly unlikely to bite. The only reason they need to wear muzzles on the track is so they don't accidentally injure themselves when they're focused on running. When people see greyhounds muzzled, it presents an inaccurate idea that the breed is aggressive, when they are actually amongst the least aggressive breeds, making prospective adopters think twice. This is a time when they are finally being freed from the industry and need homes in large numbers. They are gentle, easy-to-handle and great for first-time owners. Freeing them from unnecessary muzzling will help the cause of getting more into loving homes.

Thank you,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: GREYHOUND DOGS
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 9:23:40 AM

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. 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

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

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

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

As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry
Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities

There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks

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

There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility on all dog owners for their dog's actions, regardless of breed, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 6:55:26 AM

Dear Amber-Jade Sanderson 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 personal experience with greyhounds are that they are extremely placid dogs. My greyhound is more interested in trees than he is in other dogs, and when we take our dog for a walk, he just wants to be stroked by anyone around.

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,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Please end greyhound muzzling
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:20:02 AM

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to request that you amend the Dog Act to remove the language requiring greyhound muzzling. In the U.S.A., pet greyhounds are not required to be muzzled in public, and it seems odd that there would be such a requirement in Western Australia. People with experience with greyhounds know that they are a sweet and gentle breed, and they are no more or less likely to bite than any other dog. Please treat greyhounds the same as other breeds, and do not require them to wear muzzles in public.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

Amend the Dog Act

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:17:01 AM

Greyhounds are one of the sweetest and docile breeds. I ask that officials amend the Dog Act to remove the misguided, breed-specific language which requires the muzzling of the wonderful, family-oriented dogs.



From:

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Subject:

Muzzles on Greyhounds

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 5:05:29 AM

I believe that animals deserve as much freedom as possible. I also believe that a muzzle unnecessarily binds up the dog's natural way of "being" in our world. There does not seem to be a rational reason for doing this. I don't think the dogs are dangerous. So...why the muzzles. Owners of any animal are responsible for training and caring for the creatures in their charge without causing the animal stress or discomfort. May the blessings be for all our animal friends and ourselves as their guardians and advocates. Thanks for your attention.

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ban Muzzle Law
Date: Tuesday, 23 July 2019 1:20:32 AM

To Whom This May Concern:

I write to urge you ban the muzzle law for greyhounds.

These greyhounds are victims of the cruel racing industry. They are some of the friendliest dogs and deserve an opportunity to live a life without discrimination.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

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

Date:

Tuesday, 23 July 2019 12:02:24 AM

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Greyhounds
Date: Monday, 22 July 2019 9:58:58 PM

Sweet greyhounds do NOT need to be muzzled. Their impulse to chase is trained into them at the track, and endangers them more than humans. They are very gentle animals and a leash to protect them is all that is needed.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog Act
Date: Monday, 22 July 2019 9:08:49 PM

Dogs should not be required to wear muzzle unless previous issues and on case by case basis. Nor should animals suffer in the name of entertainment or sport related events.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Monday, 22 July 2019 8:52:55 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.

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

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Free The Greyhounds from their Muzzles
Date: Monday, 22 July 2019 6:32:38 PM
Importance: High

Good day,

I am writing to you in requesting that the *Dog Act* 1976 be amended to remove the requirement for all greyhounds to be muzzled in public without the requirement to complete a training programme

Please refer to the following issues:

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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It is completely unfair that this breed is treated this way simply because it is associated with racing – something that we as humans forced upon them. It is interesting that the only two countries, namely Australia and Ireland, that have this ridiculous law are also the same countries that provide the dog racing industry with the majority of their dogs. As if that alone was not shameful enough!

In summary:

- 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

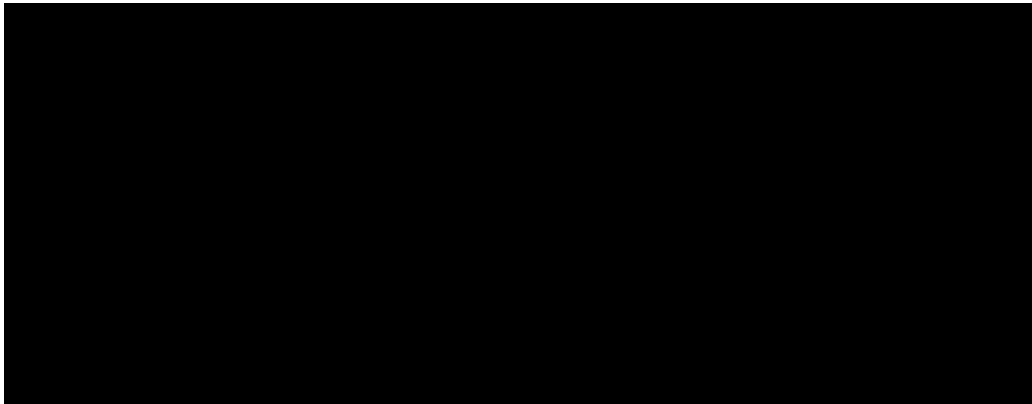
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- Both the RSPCA and Australian Veterinary Association support the removal of compulsory muzzling laws
- The WA racing industry regulator, RWWA has also indicated they support the removal of this law
- Already over 4000 WA residents have signed petitions 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

The Dog Amendment Act 2013 is currently being reviewed and this simple change will mean a happier life for deserving greyhounds and their owners and help improve adoption rates of these gentle creatures.

I sincerely hope that you do the right thing.

Kind Regards,



From:



Subject:

Free the Greyhounds!

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 11:03:50 PM

It is time to stop exploiting these poor dogs & let them live in peace. Please don't muzzle them & let them be adopted by loving homes! Stop racing Greyhounds!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy, powered by Cricket Wireless

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 7:35:08 PM

Dear David Kelly 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 with a freerange weiro, cat and a papillon (small dog). He has never showed any kind of aggression - not even when he has been attacked and pinned against a fence by a (non-greyhound) dog. I believe muzzle the dog NOT the breed.

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,

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

From:



Subject:

Pls amend the Dog Act

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 6:20:02 PM

Hi

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

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

Thanks



From:



Subject:

A Request

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 3:24:39 PM

I'm writing to ask that you please amend the Dog Act so that the muzzling of greyhounds is no longer required. Such breed specific legislation has been found to be useless for protecting people from dog attacks because such behavior is individual, not breed-based. Greyhounds are usually extremely sweet-natured and this ill-guided requirement gives the wrong impression and is therefore likely to decrease interest in adopting them. This is especially problematic since so many of these innocent dogs are killed because there aren't enough good homes for those who are discarded by the racing industry.

Thank you very much for considering this request.



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Stop using greyhounds for sport!!!!
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 2:07:32 PM

Please have some compassion for greyhounds and ALL animals who live on this earth! They hurt like we do they have emotions like we do! Why can't people get this!!!????!! Please stop this sport and let them live freely without pain!!! Please be a hero and stop this! They are not here for our entertainment, we must stop this and make a positive change in this world! For your kids! For these angels God created!

Please Please Please!!!

Thank you for caring, God Bless you!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Support bill for companion greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 1:14:41 PM

Dear Benjamin Wyatt 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

Thank you for your time,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 12:51:30 PM

Dear Lisa Baker MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I understand the amount of time you have personally contributed into supporting Greyhounds in the community which I truly appreciate. I have owned a greyhound now (along with a Staffie) for the last 5 years and I have found my greyhound to be the most gentle and calm dog I have ever owned. I take both my dogs down to Bayswater Riverside Gardens every day and note a number of dogs who I feel would benefit from being muzzled however this is not breed specific. As such I would like to state the following:

I 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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As my local member, I would like you to note my feelings on this when the Act is under review.

Yours sincerely,

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

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Muzzles and Greyhounds
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 12:07:36 PM

Please stop muzzling Greyhounds. There is no real reason to do so. These Greyhounds have suffered enough.
Thank you

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Dog Act plea
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 10:54:25 AM

Officials,

I urge you 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.

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

Greyhound Muzzles = Discrimination

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 10:52:41 AM

To the Western Australian Dept. of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries.

Greetings,

Re: The Compulsory Muzzling of Greyhounds in Public.

I would like to register my support of amending the Dog Act and repealing the requirement that greyhounds should wear muzzles in public.

I believe this requirement impacts on the successful adoption of many gentle dogs, as it inaccurately promotes the idea that greyhounds are more dangerous than other dogs, and puts an unfair extra burden on those adopting these dogs.

My experience with greyhounds includes the use of retired racing dogs in the formal training of veterinary nurses. These dogs kept on the college campus were incredibly tolerant, patient and gentle. They helped train many classes of veterinary nurses in the use of checking teeth, clipping nails and taking temperatures. In fact, I have never known any dogs who were as calm and gentle natured as these dogs.

Please consider bringing the Dog Act up to date, and removing this discrimination.

Kind regards,



From:



Subject:

REMOVAL OF THE COMPULSORY MUZZLE LAWS FOR GREYHOUNDS IN WA

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 10:14:26 AM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to ask officials to amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

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. 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. 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. As a breed, greyhounds are known for their generally friendly and gentle disposition, even despite their upbringing in the racing industry. Muzzling contributes to unwarranted negative public perceptions about greyhounds and their suitability as pets, impacting adoption opportunities. There is no evidence that shows that Breed Specific Legislation such as greyhounds wearing muzzles is effective in preventing or reducing dog attacks. 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. There is evidence that suggests that legislation that increases the responsibility on all dog owners for their dog's actions, regardless of breed, for example through higher fines, leads to a reduction in dog bites and increase in community safety.

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.

Yours sincerely

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From:

Subject:

Date:

[REDACTED]
Greyhound muzzling

Sunday, 21 July 2019 7:20:27 AM

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

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Muzzle
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 6:55:49 AM

STOP forcing the gentle dogs to wear a muzzle! This is unjustified!
Sent from my iPhone

From:



Subject:

Muzzling Greyounds

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 4:53:23 AM

Please show some pity in this otherwise very cruel world. Why do these gentle dogs have to suffer? Why do we have to inflict pain on living creatures? The muzzling is not necessary!



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Greyhounds
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 4:20:42 AM

Stop muzzling greyhounds

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Free the Hounds
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 4:15:28 AM

Free the hounds

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Greyhound muzzling
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 3:52:50 AM

Hi, I am writing to ask you to amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.

Please do the right thing and make the right changes. This is just ridiculous.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Please End Enforced Muzzling of Greyhounds
Date: Sunday, 21 July 2019 2:55:07 AM

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.

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

Thank you,

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

These Gentle Dogs Need Our Help.

Date:

Sunday, 21 July 2019 1:20:11 AM

Dear Sir/s,

Greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. It is 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.

These gentle dogs are already being exploited and abused in dog races.

We cannot continue to fail them.

Sincerely,



From:



Subject:

Dog Act

Date:


Sunday, 21 July 2019 12:45:55 AM

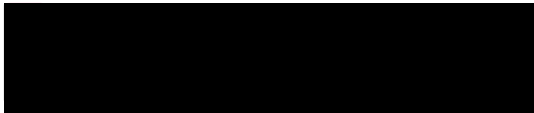
I am outraged that you force greyhounds to wear a muzzle when out. Please immediately amend the Dog Act to remove misguided, breed-specific language requiring greyhound muzzling.



From:



The world is observing about the Western Australia THE DOG ACT, requires every adoptes Greyhound to wear a muzzle in public, please "Free the Hounds" repealing this requirement in all Australia States. As a breed, Greyhounds are some of the sweetest dogs on earth. The RSPCA and leading veterinarians agree that is time for the State law to stop discriminating against Greyhounds, given the high "Wastage" (Kill) rate of ex-racing dogs under. Everything should be done to promote adoption, including letting people see just how wonderful these dogs are. Sincerely, 



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: No more greyhound muzzles!
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 11:51:32 PM

Hi,

As a mom of 3 greyhounds, I can attest that they don't require muzzling in public once they've been adopted. They are one of the sweetest, calmest breeds I've ever encountered. I urge you to do away with this archaic mandate. It's really not necessary.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Greyhound dog muzzling law
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 11:46:05 PM

PLEASE stop this practice of muzzling Greyhound dogs.
This is an unnecessary and inhumane practice. It has already been rescinded in other areas.
I sincerely hope this law is rescinded.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

Muzzles

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 11:07:48 PM

Stop this.



From:



Subject:

Greyhound muddling .

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 10:41:39 PM

Please stop the cruel muddling of greyhounds ,
Many thanks ,



From:




Subject:

For your consideration

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 8:30:23 PM

We're requesting that you discontinue the regulation requiring muzzling of Greyhounds. It's not necessary and is inhumane. 



From:



Subject:

Muzzling of Greyhounds

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 7:50:38 PM

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
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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

Thank you for your time,



From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Greyhounds
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 7:17:21 PM

I am writing to you to ask you please to repeal the requirement for greyhounds to wear a muzzle in public.

Five other Australian jurisdictions have stopped this requirement as they know that these dogs have gentle natures and are not aggressive.

Thousands of greyhounds are killed because they cannot find a home. This requirement does nothing to help that situation.

Please show compassion and remove this clause from the act.

Thank you.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Muzzling of Greyhounds
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 7:14:42 PM

Please stop this inhumane practice.

It is unnecessary and cruel. It also causes even more suffering to the greyhounds.

Whenever a situation arises where money is being made, morals seem to be in short supply.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 5:14:56 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 in Western Australia - 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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Yours sincerely,

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

From:



Subject:

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

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 5:01:02 PM

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: De-muzzaling the greyhound
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 3:08:55 PM

Replying to this email here in Adelaide we are very fortunate to be able to not have to muzzle our greyhounds it would be good if other in other states could do the same. Please free the beautiful delicate greyhounds from the muzzel.
Greyhound lover.

Sent from Samsung tablet

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Cat and Dog Review](#)
Subject: Outlaw muzzles for greyhounds!
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 2:30:16 PM

- In Western Australia, the Dog Act 1976 requires all greyhounds to wear a muzzle in public
- This breed specific law does not apply to any other breed of dog (individual dogs of any breed can be declared a dangerous dog and be required to wear a muzzle in public)
- Greyhounds can become exempt from wearing a muzzle if they undergo a 'prescribed training programme'
- The only approved training program is one that is run and has been developed by the racing industry. The cost to undergo the assessment is payable to the industry. The assessment requires the dog to attend the assessment body's kennels for a period of four days and provides a snapshot of the animals behaviour at that period in time
- 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
- The Dog Act also requires greyhounds to always be on a lead when in public which is not proposed to be amended

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

[REDACTED]

From:



Subject:

Greyhounds

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 12:02:53 PM

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.



From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Muzzles
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 10:42:31 AM

I challenge you to visit homes with Greyhounds.....

I have had several Greyhounds, as well as many fosters. I am a very responsible dog owner and know many other Greyhound adopters. I can't stress enough, how utterly ridiculous this story was when I heard it. Muzzling one of the sweetest breeds on earth shows just how ignorant the initiators of this "Act" were when it was conceived.

Please, please, please, let them show your community what an amazing and loving animal they are. Drop the muzzle.....

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 9:16:58 AM

Dear Sabine Winton MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

I have fostered 2 lovely greyhounds, also my daughter owns a greyhound, they are beautiful gentle dogs, I fully support to remove the muzzle.

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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Yours sincerely,

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

From:

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Subject:

██████████
muzzling greyhounds

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 9:05:56 AM

I was very surprised to read that there is a law in Australia that greyhounds must be muzzled while in public. I found that strange because I live in the U.S. where many people have rescued greyhounds from the racing industry when they are deemed no longer money makers or when their behavior seems to indicate that they will not be good racers. The ones I've known are extremely sweet and gentle. As with any dog and especially ones that have been mistreated, the owners should work with the animal and determine what it needs to take away its fear of people if there is fear. These animals certainly don't have a vicious nature so if they are a threat, like any mistreated dog can be, it would be because of their fear.

Muzzling a dog in public indicates that the dog is a danger and if all greyhounds have muzzles and not other breeds, it would lead the public to believe that greyhounds are dangerous and therefore, not good candidates for adoption. These are lovely, soft, gentle, goofy dogs that deserve good lives with a loving family.

Please reconsider your biased muzzle laws and give greyhounds a chance at new lives.

Thank you,

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From:



Subject:

I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling

Date:

Saturday, 20 July 2019 8:11:06 AM

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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From: [REDACTED]
Subject: Ban requirement of muzzling greyhounds
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 7:41:33 AM

Sirs:

As long-time foster and adopter of greyhounds, I have never had a grey attempt to bite a person. Requiring muzzling of these gentle dogs creates entirely the wrong impression of their temperaments.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Subject: I support an end to compulsory greyhound muzzling
Date: Saturday, 20 July 2019 5:17:09 AM

Dear Reece Whitby MP,

cc: Cat and Dog statutory review

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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 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 have two beautiful greyhounds who are gentle and loving, they both get distressed when they have to wear their muzzels, and people often question why they have the muzzels on, saying 'are they dangerous?'
...No they are extremely gentle! It's very upsetting! Please lift this law!

Yours sincerely,

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