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## Dear Dog Lovers,

I am a dog lover just like you. I love dogs because all they want to be is your friend.

I was very sad when I found out that Greyhounds are being killed in Macau because they are raced at the Canidrome and after they are done racing, the government cannot do anything else with them. A Greyhound is "done" if it does not win enough times in the races. **Animal Asia says that most greyhounds are killed within three years of arriving at the Canidrome, which is roughly 30 Greyhounds per month or one a day.** A greyhound should live to about 12 years so killing them at three or four is killing them really young- about 20 human years. Even if a Greyhound wins, it does not get treated well while it waits to race. They are not fed enough food and they develop sores from being in cages all day. <http://www.globalanimal.org/2012/03/17/macau-greyhounds-in-deadly-race/68859/>

**Anyway, I have a project for school to try to change the world in some way and that's why I thought of telling people about the Greyhounds because I don't think that Greyhounds are only good for racing.** I have read that Greyhounds are very fast but they are also called "couch potatoes." They are very gentle, rarely bark or shed. They also like to be with their owners and follow them around. They sound like they would make good dogs to have in apartments because they are also good with children and are very adaptable. **But the Greyhounds in Macau don't even have a chance to show what good dogs they are because there is a law that prevents them from being adopted in Macau!** And Hong Kong owners have to pay a lot in quarantine fees just to own one!

There have been a lot of people like Grey2K, Global Animal and Animals Asia who have been asking the Macau government to stop since 2003. I heard that the government people said they would shut down the Canidrome in two or three years, but they have made promises before and that's not soon enough! <http://www.guardian.co.uk/world/2012/apr/05/macau-canidrome-greyhounds>

**I don't want your money. I just need a few minutes of your time.** Please spread the word to all your friends to do two things:

- 1) **An email to the Australian Prime Minister so Australia will stop sending Greyhounds to Macau** just for racing. Read more here and use this link: [http://www.animalsasia.org/emailupdate/html/emailUpdate\\_aus\\_gh201112.html](http://www.animalsasia.org/emailupdate/html/emailUpdate_aus_gh201112.html)
- 2) **If you are on Facebook, please LIKE Stop Greyhound Racing in Macau page and in the NOTES section, please follow the directions to email a letter to the Legislative Assembly of Macau.**

**I am also inviting you and your dog to come and get free dog treats and snacks to join me at my dog sit-in protest at Stanley Plaza, near Murray House on Saturday, 9 June 2:00-4:00 p. m.**

I will be there with my dog, Pepé, dog treats and some human treats too. All you have to do is show up and promise me you'll spread the word so Greyhounds will get the help they need. Thanks for your time! I hope to see you this Saturday.

From a fellow dog lover,  
, **Max Greenberg, age 11**

