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Dear Lesley Griffiths MS,

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Re: Banning Greyhound Racing in Wales

I am writing to you as Minister for Rural Affairs in relation to the continuance of greyhound racing in Wales. As you will be aware, a petition was submitted to the Senedd, in March of this year, calling for greyhound racing to be banned in Wales. It was signed by 35,101 people across Wales, making it one of the most signed petitions in the history of the Senedd petitions system.

Earlier this year, I visited Almost Home Dog Rescue in Mold, Flintshire and was shocked to learn of the reprehensible suffering which greyhounds are subjected to as a result of being raced for sporting entertainment.

Up to 6,000 greyhounds are culled every year for reasons such as racers deeming them 'not to be fast enough'. 359 greyhounds were killed in 2021 – that's nearly one death every day. This is unconscionable.

The RSPCA, Dogs Trust, Blue Cross, Hope Rescue and Greyhound Rescue Wales have all now called for a phased ending of greyhound racing in Wales. This, combined with the number of signatures on the petition, depict the strong levels of both public and organisational support for a ban.

As Wales only has one licensed greyhound racing track, our country is in a position to act quickly and efficiently in bringing this cruel spectacle to an end. As such, I would welcome your commitment to banning greyhound racing in Wales.

Yours Sincerely,

Carolyn Thomas, Member of the Senedd for North Wales