

The Irish Sun
South Dublin City Centre
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Finally put a stop to the mass-murder of greyhounds in Ireland

Dear *Irish Sun* staff:

As a group of 50 greyhound rescuers near Cologne, Germany, each of us has adopted at least one greyhound. Throughout the years, with our greyhounds in our homes as members of our families, we have had daily contact with them and have been able to learn all about the characteristics of that great breed of dogs.

Quite simply, there is not one of us who would want to give up or lose their greyhound – not for all the money in the world. You can imagine how appalled we are to see so many kind-hearted greyhound race dogs being bred and inevitably murdered in Ireland. Only a select few find a home with a family. A greyhound in Ireland with either be **bred and killed as a puppy, or used as a race dog until it faces inevitable doom following its first defeat.**

Please stop the people (if they can be called people) whose behavior is bringing disgrace to an entire country. What happened to the pride and passion of the citizens of Ireland, who should be standing up to all those money-hungry breeders and trainers? What to say of the politicians, who are partly to blame for this disaster, having declared greyhounds, the noblest of dog breeds, an “item” that can be tortured, demeaned, and killed?

As *Irish Sun* staff members, we are asking you to help us out by publishing or partially distributing the attached open letter to your readers. We are enclosing the following documents:

- Our petition to the Council of Europe in Brussels, available online on Care2 (www.petitionsite.com), under the title “Finally put a stop to the mass-murder of greyhounds in Ireland”
- A partial list of petitioners from all over the world (including Ireland) and comments on the petition
- An “open letter” to the readers of the *Irish Sun* in Dublin, which we are earnestly asking you to publish in your newspaper

On behalf of all greyhounds dying or suffering in Ireland, we want to express our sincere thanks for your assistance and support. Please contact us by e-mail at greyhound-friends-cologne@freenet.de to let us know what steps you plan to take.

Thanks again and best regards from Cologne,