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The Macau Yat Yuen Canidrome Company Ltd and local animal protection association Anima have signed an agreement that will see retired greyhounds get into a re-homing programme.

Local media reported that the details of the agreement are being finalised.

The news comes a month after animal rights group Animals Australia called on Greyhounds Australasia and the Australian government to ban the greyhound trade to Macau, following reports that in 2010, 383 dogs were killed at the track, more than one per day and up from 322 a year before.

Greyhounds exported to Macau are mainly used for racing activities connected to gambling. Greyhound race betting last year generated revenues of MOP297 million (US\$37 million), down 13 percent year-on-year.

In 2010, 280 Australian greyhounds were brought to Macau.

In addition, Anima also said it would build eight new animal shelters with the MOP2 million (US\$250,000) casino mogul Steve Wynn the association donated in January.

