

## LICENSING, REGULATION AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY

### Greyhound Racing Animal Welfare Policy

The welfare of all animals must be a primary consideration for all participants in the greyhound racing industry.

The greyhound racing industry, its promoters and regulators are collectively accountable for the welfare of all animals involved in greyhound racing.

The overwhelming majority of greyhound owners and trainers love their dogs and are strongly committed to their welfare and now is the time for the industry to speak out against any cruelty to animals and to demonstrate a firm commitment to the welfare of greyhounds.

Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy expects every individual greyhound owner to take personal responsibility for the welfare of their greyhounds including ensuring that any trainers or others persons charged with their management strictly adhere to all Northern Territory and Greyhound Australasia animal welfare polices and regulations.

The following policy sets out the practices and standards to be upheld by all licensees within the Greyhound Racing Industry in the Northern Territory.

Any breaches in relation to this policy may result in a fine, suspensions, disqualification and/or the cancellation of licence.

### Animal Welfare

All animals have the right to:

- Food and Water;
- Secure, hazard free accommodation and living conditions;
- Prevention/ treatment of disease or injury;
- Control of parasites;
- Freedom from fear and distress.

Licensing, Regulation and Alcohol Strategy condemns:

- Any form of cruelty and neglect of greyhounds and other animals;

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- Any acts or actions which could cause or result in unjust, unnecessary or unreasonable pain;
- Abuse, terror, torment or undue worry;
- The use of any live animal in training or racing of greyhounds;
- The use for greyhounds for any unjustifiable medical or other experiments.

## **Kennels**

Greyhound enclosures must:

- Be kept clean and tidy and free of vermin at all times;
- Be designed and maintained to minimise the risk of injury, disease, theft or escape of greyhounds;
- Be designed for ease of cleaning, feeding and watering;
- Be provided with adequate shade when exposed to direct sunlight;
- Be weather and rain proof, providing a dry and comfortable environment in all weather conditions with sufficient light and ventilation;
- Be able to be securely fastened or locked; and
- Have individual sleeping areas for each greyhound with no bedding of any type to be laid directly onto flooring of any type

## **Food and Water**

Greyhounds must receive appropriate and sufficient food and water at all times to maintain good health and growth, recognising the special needs of differing ages.

Food must be stored in a manner that best prevents its deterioration. Spoiled food must be removed from the kennels, accommodation or feeding area.

Eating and drinking utensils that are easily chewed, damaged or unhygienic are not acceptable.

All dishes must be washed at least once per day.

## **Veterinary Care**

The responsible registered person should establish liaison with veterinary surgeon that is able to attend to greyhounds in his or her care, and is able to advise on disease prevention measures.

When signs of disease or injury are observed, action must be promptly taken to protect the well-being of individual greyhounds and prevent the spread of disease.

Appropriate veterinary care should be provided for sick greyhounds.

Greyhounds suspected of being injured or diseased should not be allowed to race, be overworked or offered for sale.

Veterinary advice should be obtained in the event of unexplained illness or deaths.

### **Retirement**

Encourage retired greyhounds to be given away as pets.

Minimise the need for euthanasia of retired racing greyhounds wherever possible.

Where, as the result of injury or sickness or age, treatment to restore the health or physical wellbeing of a greyhound is impractical or unsuccessful, greyhounds must have the benefit of humane euthanasia.

Euthanasia should only be performed by a veterinarian or other approved persons.

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