



GREYHOUND WELFARE &
INTEGRITY COMMISSION

GREYHOUND HEALTH RECORD



Securing a prosperous industry by improving welfare and integrity

Congratulations on registering your greyhound!



Keeping a greyhound is a big responsibility, but the rewards are worth the effort.

As a participant in the greyhound racing industry, you are required to comply with the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice and the Rules of Racing.

The Code and the Rules demonstrate the industry's commitment to promoting animal welfare and maintaining racing integrity.

One of the requirements of the Code and the Rules is to keep comprehensive treatment records for each greyhound.

This Greyhound Health Passport is designed to help you to record key details of your greyhound's health.

Any vaccinations, worm or flea treatment administered to your greyhound must be recorded. Any treatment administered by a veterinarian must also be recorded.

WHEN YOUR GREYHOUND CHANGES OWNERSHIP OR LOCATION, YOU MUST PROVIDE THIS PASSPORT TO ITS NEW OWNER OR CUSTODIAN.

More information about applicable Rules and Standards relating to health and treatment records can be found on page 21 of this Passport.

The Rules of Racing and NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice are available on the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission's website: www.gwic.nsw.gov.au

WHEN TO TAKE YOUR GREYHOUND TO THE VET

The NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice requires that veterinary treatment must be provided to a greyhound when needed. This means that you may be in breach of the Code if you fail to seek veterinary treatment for a greyhound that is sick or injured.

The following symptoms indicate that a greyhound may be ill:

- sneezing or abnormal coughing
- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- lameness, or inability to stand or walk
- bleeding or swelling of body parts
- weight loss or continuing lack of appetite
- apparent pain, fits or staggering
- wounds, irritations or inflammations
- signs of poor dental health such as swollen lips or gums
- significant or unusual hair loss
- repeated scratching or shaking of the head.

If you are in doubt as to whether your greyhound needs veterinary care, call your veterinarian and seek advice.

YOUR GREYHOUND'S TEETH

Dental health issues are one of the most common health problems in greyhounds, particularly for older greyhounds. Treating dental problems can be costly, so it is important to focus on prevention.

The best thing that you can do to prevent dental health problems is to provide your greyhound with raw, meaty bones on a regular basis. Chewing helps to reduce the plaque that causes tooth decay. And keep a watch on your greyhound's teeth – brown, discoloured teeth and swollen or bleeding gums are signs of periodontitis or dental disease.

NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice

The NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice demonstrates the greyhound racing industry's commitment to animal welfare. All participants are required to comply with the Code.

The Code of Practice sets out standards for the treatment and care of greyhounds.

Below are the standards relating to greyhound health. The standards that also apply to retired greyhounds are marked with an 'R':

- Participants must inspect greyhounds in their care at least twice a day. **R**.
- Participants must ensure that they have reliable access to a veterinarian capable of providing 24-hour veterinary advice in regard to all greyhounds in the participant's care.
- Veterinary treatment must be provided to a greyhound or puppy where necessary. **R**.
- Any directions of a veterinarian in relation to treatment of pain, injury, ill health, distress or post-surgical care must be followed.
- Sclerosing agents must not be administered to greyhounds.
- Participants must keep a written treatment record for each greyhound or puppy in their care that includes:
 - vaccination records and matching vaccination certificates; **R**
 - internal and external parasite control (e.g. fleas, ticks or heartworm); **R**
 - any veterinary treatment administered to the greyhound, including the name of the veterinarian prescribing the treatment and the name and signature of the veterinarian or other person administering the treatment. **R**.

- When a greyhound is sold, rehomed, or otherwise transferred to a different person, the participant transferring the greyhound must supply the treatment record relating to the greyhound to the new custodian. **R.**
- Any medications prescribed by a veterinarian for a greyhound must be administered in accordance with veterinary directions. **R.**
- Medications, treatments, or supplements must be labelled clearly and kept in their original container or packaging.
- All expired medications, supplements and injectable substances must be disposed of according to relevant legislative requirements.
- Unless directed otherwise by a veterinarian, puppies must not be vaccinated before four weeks of age.
- Participants must ensure that all greyhounds in their care are vaccinated from the age of 6-8 weeks, and that vaccinations are kept up to date. **R.**
- Unless a veterinarian has provided contrary advice in writing, greyhounds must be vaccinated against:
 - Distemper virus **R**
 - Parvovirus **R**
 - Canine Adenovirus **R**
 - Parainfluenza virus **R**
 - Bordetella bronchiseptica. **R.**
- Participants must administer an effective internal and external parasite control program (e.g. gastrointestinal worm, heartworm, ear mites, fleas and ticks) which is age appropriate, to all greyhounds in their care. **R.**

- Worming and parasite treatments must be used and stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions or at the direction of a Veterinarian. **R.**
- Participants must monitor the dental health of all greyhounds in their care and seek veterinary treatment if required. **R.**
- Participants must ensure that the greyhounds in their care are maintained in a good and clean condition. **R.**
- Participants must check the toenails of all greyhounds in their care regularly and if necessary, trim them to prevent overgrowth. **R.**

Rules of Racing

The Rules of Racing are designed to protect the integrity and regulate the conduct of greyhound racing. As a participant, you are bound by the Rules.

R84A requires participants to keep records of all vaccinations, anti-parasitics and medical treatments administered to greyhounds in their custody.

R106 requires participants to provide proper care for greyhounds in their custody, including adequate food, water, shelter, and veterinary treatment when necessary.

A breach of the Rules of Racing may result in disciplinary action.

The Rules of Racing are available on the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission's website at: **www.gwic.nsw.gov.au**

GREYHOUND DETAILS

Kennel name

Racing name

Microchip no.

Ear tattoo

Sex

Colour

Date of birth

Sire

Dam

BREEDER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Address

Phone

Email

OWNER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Address

OWNER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Address

REARER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Kennel address

Date received

BREAKING IN

Name

Participant ID

Kennel address

Date received

Photo of greyhound
(optional)

TRAINER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Kennel address

Date received

TRAINER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Kennel address

Date received

TRAINER DETAILS

Name

Participant ID

Kennel address

Date received

VACCINATION DETAILS

DATE	VACCINE STICKER		VET	SIGNATURE	NEXT DUE

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REGULAR / PREVENTATIVE TREATMENTS	
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TREATMENT NAME:	
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DATE GIVEN	

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LIST OF SUPPLEMENTS

<i>List any supplements regularly provided</i>

WORMING/ FLEA TREATMENTS	
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VETERINARY TREATMENT

DATE	REASON FOR VET VISIT		VET	TREATMENT/MEDICATION PRESCRIBED

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