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Commission targets animal cruelty with zero tolerance approach

The Commission has been working with the RSPCA on an investigation at a property in Marsden Park. The Commission acknowledges the RSPCA's swift response to this matter and will continue to work jointly with them to bring the matter to conclusion.

In the lead up to 1 July 2018, the Commission developed its compliance program that encompasses both random inspections and targeted compliance interventions of industry participants.

This program is designed to achieve a contemporaneous assessment of where welfare and integrity risks lie, and to detect and bring to account wrongdoing.

Chief Commissioner Alan Brown said the Commission will ensure anyone found to have committed an offence will be brought to justice.

"There is no room in this industry for those who fail to meet the welfare standards expected," Mr Brown said.

"Participants who want this industry to continue should be reporting any concerns they have to the Commission regarding animal welfare, integrity or the conduct of any person involved with this industry."

Whilst the Commission is focused on assisting participants to comply with expected standards moving forward, it is likely that previous instances of wrongdoing will be identified in that process.

"We urge industry participants who are struggling to meet welfare standards relating to greyhounds in their care, to seek assistance as early as possible to safeguard the welfare of the greyhound.

"We are encouraging anyone with a concern regarding animal welfare, integrity or the conduct of any person linked to greyhound racing to report it so we can investigate."

Any concerns can be reported anonymously via the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Hotline 1800 680 174 or the online form available on our website www.gwic.nsw.gov.au.

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