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Welfare & Integrity remain the focus as finals approach

With the regional qualifying heats and finals of the Million Dollar Chase now complete, the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission is concentrating on staffing the semi's and grand final races being held at Wentworth Park.

The Commission's Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said the series has been successfully regulated by GWIC stewards and vets, ensuring the integrity and welfare of each meeting.

"The Commission's vets will have a continued presence at all upcoming races providing treatment advice and follow ups where necessary, and responding immediately to any accidents or injuries that occur during any race," Ms Lind said.

With an increased number of vets at tracks for the finals, the Commission remains focused on making greyhound welfare a top priority.

"The welfare and safety of the greyhounds is the Commission's key objective with every greyhound subjected to a thorough pre-race veterinary examination.

"Our experienced vets will be looking for subtle signs of fatigue and injury to ensure that all competing greyhounds are in peak condition for the finals."

As the series moves towards the finals, the Commission is also focusing on ensuring race integrity is a priority for all competitors.

"As with every race meeting, the Commission's stewards are present to identify any breaches of the racing rules and maintain a high level of integrity," Ms Lind said.

"Our stewards will also be increasing swabbing efforts to detect any irregularities and ensure the field is competing on a fair and equal basis."

The Commission's inspectors continue to perform targeted activity ahead of the series finals to certify that owners and trainers are providing their greyhounds with the highest level of care.

"As always, anyone with concerns in relation to greyhound welfare and industry integrity is encouraged to contact the Commission so that we can look into the matter."

Anyone can report a concern by calling the Commission's Customer Service Hotline on 1800 951 755 or via the online form on the website www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/whispli.

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