

GIPAC Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date	Friday 27 May 2022
Time	11:00am – 12:00pm
Present:	GIPAC - Tracy Hindmarsh (Council Chair), Jenny Barnett, Barry Ward GWIC – Wade Birch, Matthew Tutt, Dr Juliet Corish
Apologies:	Steve Griffin, Jason Lyne, Martin Hallinan, Gayle Masterson, Amanda Ginn
Absent:	
Secretariat:	Bec Curry

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

- The minutes from the meeting held on March 25 were formally adopted by the participants.
Attachment 1 [20220429 GIPAC Meeting FINAL Minutes.pdf](#)

3. Outstanding action items

- Item 21/14 updated
- Item 21/15 updated and closed

4. Prerequisites for Breeder Registration

- Tracy noted Breeding is complex and it is not something that can just be done without experience and training – there is a lot of factors to it. Considers the need to have more than just a Handlers or Attendants licence prior to getting a Breeders licence
- Jenny noted the difference between an owner breeder and a commercial breeder (whelper)
- Barry concurred on the comments made from Tracy and Jenny particularly on the segregation between a “breeder” and a ‘whelper’. A greater onus in terms of compliance and training on those who can whelp pups
- Suggest a 2-tier set up; a breeder and a breeder/whelper
- Juliet noted GWIC do assess the compliance of physical areas as a part of the application process, but does not look at the other side of whelping / care of greyhounds
- Barry noted the high cost of whelping litters, that if we allowed everyone to breed straight away then there would be a reluctance for people to pay experienced whelpers, which could lead to negative welfare matters
- Tracy noted the need for an owner breeder category - say on the form could be broken into three – are you the owner Yes, are you the breeder Yes, are you the whelper, No, then the details of the whelper has to be completed so that owner breeders don't have to transfer ownership of their bitches to a breeder for the whole process
- Juliet noted the need for those to get a Breeder/Whelper licence there is a need for both training courses and evidence of practical experience

5. Earbranding / Microchipping ages

- Tracy noted she recently had a litter earbranded at the 15 weeks but considers they should be done between the 10-12 week mark, not only for a commercial matters in terms of the pups going out to their new owners along with the growing sensitivity of the pups ears
- Matt noted with the two dedicated officers and the developing of a schedule should see this even out to the more ideal timeframe
- Jenny noted that 12 weeks should be the threshold
- Matt noted that there is a push from GA to move away from the earbranding
- A look to phase out earbranding

6. Feedback in relation to GWIC

- Wade noted that he is meeting with the Panel at 12:30pm today on the issue at The Gardens and will get something out today

7. Emerging Industry issues

- Nil

8. Other Business

- First rollout of eTracking being rolled out by next week to approximately 30 of the 40 big organisations
- Tracy noted she has not received an eTrac device to participate

9. Next meeting: 24 June 2022

Action Ref	Meeting date	Action	Person responsible	Due date	Comments
21/9	26/02/21 Item 16	Introduce Breeder incentives Barry Ward to provide Steve Griffin a note in relation to this and once provided, Steve Griffin to raise topic with GRNSW.	Barry Ward	29/4/22 Item 5	Completed
22/1	29/4/22	Breeder Incentive program Breeders Incentive Program to be presented to GBOTA and GCNSW to seek their approval before it is presented to GRNSW	GWIC	30/6/22	In Progress
21/11	26/03/21 Item 3	Breeding Lease Agreements GWIC to reconsider Breeding Lease Agreement and conditions under which females are bred, due to a recent case with a non-compliant breeding facility.	Matthew Tutt		Update 30/7 – Review of breeder registrations planned
21/13	26/03/21 Item 6	Portable produce purchase centres GWIC to consider a portable GWIC veterinary trailer and report back to the council	Wade Birch		In progress
21/14	26/03/21 Item 10	First Starters and Trials Council and GWIC to bring together options and forward to GRNSW, GBOTA and the broader industry.	Wade Birch		Update 25/6 - Transferred to Wade Birch. Further consultation required. Performance

					trials not supported by Council. Update 27/5/22 Progressing this internally and will bring back
21/15	30/04/21 Item 6	Owner/Handler License merge Steve to follow up with Michelle Ledger/Richard Sollorz regarding potential merging of the Owner and Handler licenses	Steve Griffin	Close item	Update 27/5/22 No ability for a non custodial owner to handle greyhound, but no encumbrance with owners becoming attendants too
21/16	30/06/21	Race Day Treatments Wade Birch to draft position paper on Race Day Treatments for presentation at the next meeting of this Council.	Wade Birch	May/June	This will depend on the new rule