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Health alert: Confirmed case of Canine Coronavirus in NSW

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission wishes to advise all NSW greyhound racing industry participants that there has been a confirmed case of Canine Coronavirus in the Mid North Coast region.

While the property where this case was detected has been quarantined for 14 days, it is an important reminder for all participants to be vigilant when it comes to protecting the health and well-being of your greyhounds.

Canine Coronavirus is contagious and can spread rapidly around greyhound kennels. It causes gastroenteritis and is characterized by symptoms such as vomiting and diarrhoea. The virus is transmitted from direct contact with faeces or contaminated material.

“The Commission encourages participants to vaccinate their greyhounds with Leptospira /Coronavirus vaccine, especially those located in close proximity to areas currently affected,” GWIC’s Chief Veterinary Officer Tony Kuipers said.

“Participants should always practice good hygiene methods, which include disinfection of all trailers and transport, boots, bedding, muzzles, leads and other equipment that may pose a risk of infection to other greyhounds.”

If you suspect your greyhound is infected, it is imperative to report this to GWIC via the quickest mode of communication available.

It is also essential to isolate any infected and in-contact greyhounds for 14 days, scratch these greyhounds from any trials or races, and seek veterinary advice.

Further information about how to prevent the transmission of the disease, can be found on the [Canine Coronavirus fact sheet](#).

If you have any concerns about the health of your greyhounds, please contact the Commission’s Veterinarians on 13 49 42 or vets@gwic.nsw.gov.au