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Termination of ear tattooing 1 November 2024

The Greyhounds Australasia (GA) Board has determined that by 1 November 2024 the requirement for ear tattooing of registered greyhounds will cease.

This decision has been made following a review of methods of greyhound identification by a GA working group and subsequent consultation between controlling bodies.

The change acknowledges advancements and access to technology have been made, as have improvements in techniques used for the identification of individual animals.

This change will see all greyhound racing jurisdictions in Australia, including New South Wales, move to microchipping as the primary method of identification.

Additionally, Nose Print Recognition will be introduced in NSW as a secondary identification measure.

This both highlights the industry-wide commitment to drive the best possible standards of greyhound welfare and will also enable efficient and advanced means of greyhound identification and traceability.

The reliable identification of greyhounds remains a fundamental integrity measure underpinning the sport.

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