

Pink cards for breeding females came into effect on 1 July 2015. All female greyhounds in South Australia are required to be registered for breeding prior to being served under GAR 127(6). That Rule reads:

R127 Registration of sire and breeding female (brood bitch)

(6) *A bitch shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered as a 'breeding female'.*

APPLICATION FOR PINK CARD:

A GRSA registered breeder must ensure a female greyhound meets the following requirements to be eligible to apply for registration as a breeding female:

- Be named;
- Be microchipped;
- Have undergone DNA fingerprinting and the results returned (kits are available through Greyhounds Australasia);
- Have a C5 vaccination administered within the last 12 months and a copy of the vaccination certificate submitted to GRSA (clearly identifying greyhound racing name, microchip, date administered, and Veterinary Surgeon signature. Certificates must have the vaccination vial stickers attached);
- Have completed and submitted a GRSA-issued application form

You will also be required to return the greyhound's racing identification card dependent on the racing and/or retirement status of the greyhound.

DNA RESULTS:

If you intend to have your breeding female served, GRSA recommends applying for your DNA kit as early as possible to allow sufficient time for the DNA results to be returned. This takes approximately 10-14 working days.

GRSA will not process a pink card until the DNA results have been confirmed by Greyhounds Australasia.

AGE RESTRICTION EXEMPTION:

As soon as your female greyhound turns eight (8) years of age, her registration as a breeding female will become inactive. She will not be able to be bred again unless the criteria below are met:

- Veterinary certificate of health and fitness is received by GRSA
- GRSA issues verbal or written approval to the Breeder

The Veterinary Certificate for approval lasts for 120 days from the date of examination.

Approval under this exemption will allow one (1) service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination.

THREE (3) LITTER MAXIMUM EXEMPTION:

Once your female greyhound whelps her third litter, her registration as a breeding female will become inactive. She will not be able to be bred again unless the criteria below are met:

- Veterinary certificate of health and fitness is received by GRSA
- GRSA issues verbal or written approval to the Breeder

The Veterinary Certificate for approval lasts for 120 days from date of examination.

Approval under this exemption will allow one (1) service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination.

LITTER FREQUENCY:

Breeding females are not permitted to whelp more than two (2) litters in any 18-month period.

BREEDING REVIEW PANEL:

Once the application has been lodged, it is considered by the GRSA Breeding Review Panel, consisting of relevant GRSA management. If required, an independent panel of industry representatives will be consulted to give advice in relation to the application. On occasion, more information may be required from the breeder in support of the application.

REGISTRATION AS A BREEDING FEMALE:

Once your greyhound is registered as a breeding female with GRSA, you will be issued with a breeding identification card for that greyhound. This card is known as the 'pink' card. From that time, you will be permitted, under the Rules of Racing, to have your breeding female served. Active racing greyhounds can be registered as breeding females and can continue to race using their pink card as identification.

ONGOING REGISTRATION AS A BREEDING FEMALE:

To continue the ongoing registration of your breeding female, you will be required to maintain her current C5 vaccination status. A copy of the C5 booster vaccination certificate must be provided to GRSA each year to ensure her breeding status remains active. Reminder notifications about vaccination boosters are automatically advised via email or by phone.

GRSA will always endeavor to process all applications in a timely manner. However, all Breeders are strongly encouraged to lodge all paperwork as early as possible to avoid disappointment.

RETIREMENT FROM BREEDING:

Once your breeding female is no longer breeding, her pink breeding identification card must be returned to GRSA along with a notification of retirement form updating her retirement status.

GRSA reserves the right to alter this policy at any time