

POLICY

The policy is issued under a Stewards' Order and is enforceable pursuant to rule 86(ag), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) embraces a fundamental obligation to require full rehoming of unraced and retired greyhounds. Greyhounds as Pets SA (GAPSA) is a vital part within a greyhound's life to facilitate, where required, the greyhound's transition into retirement.

The purpose of this policy is to further define and clarify the procedure and expectations of GRSA of registered participants when it is time to retire a greyhound in their care.

Definitions:

<i>Controlling body</i>	Greyhound Racing SA Limited (GRSA)
<i>Fail</i>	A GAPSA assessment result whereby the relevant greyhound is considered not suitable to enter the GAPSA adoption program.
<i>First point assessment</i>	The relevant greyhound assessment method described in GAP Procedure, First Point Assessment – Entry to GAP.
<i>First point small dog assessment</i>	The relevant greyhound assessment method to assess behaviour with small dogs.
<i>GAPSA (and GAP)</i>	Greyhounds as Pets SA (formally known as Greyhound Adoption Program SA).
<i>Pass</i>	A GAPSA assessment result whereby the relevant greyhound is considered suitable for placement into the GAPSA adoption program.
<i>Pass - pending</i>	A GAPSA assessment result whereby the relevant greyhound passes the first point assessment, but the responsible person makes representations that the relevant greyhound is not suitable for rehoming on medical or behavioural grounds such that euthanasia is the only course having regard to the best interests of the relevant greyhound.
<i>Re-assessment</i>	A GAPSA assessment result where the relevant greyhound is suitable and required to be re-assessed by GAPSA pursuant to the first point assessment.
<i>Suitable 3rd party</i>	A person or agency that accepts transfer of ownership of a retired greyhound pursuant to rule 106(3)(a), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i> .
<i>Rehoming assessment panel</i>	The panel constituted by the Manager, GAPSA (or delegate); and, the Chief Steward (or delegate).
<i>Relevant greyhound</i>	A registered or licenced greyhound that is unraced in circumstances where it has been decided it will not at any time in the future be raced; or, to be retired from racing.
<i>Responsible person</i>	A registered person who has the relevant greyhound in their care, custody or control and includes the person's agents, delegates, employees, contractors, partners or assignees; and, includes corporate entities.
<i>Rules of Racing</i>	<i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i> (GAR) and Local Regulatory Rules (LR), comprising the Rules of Greyhound Racing for Greyhound Racing SA Limited.

Rules of racing

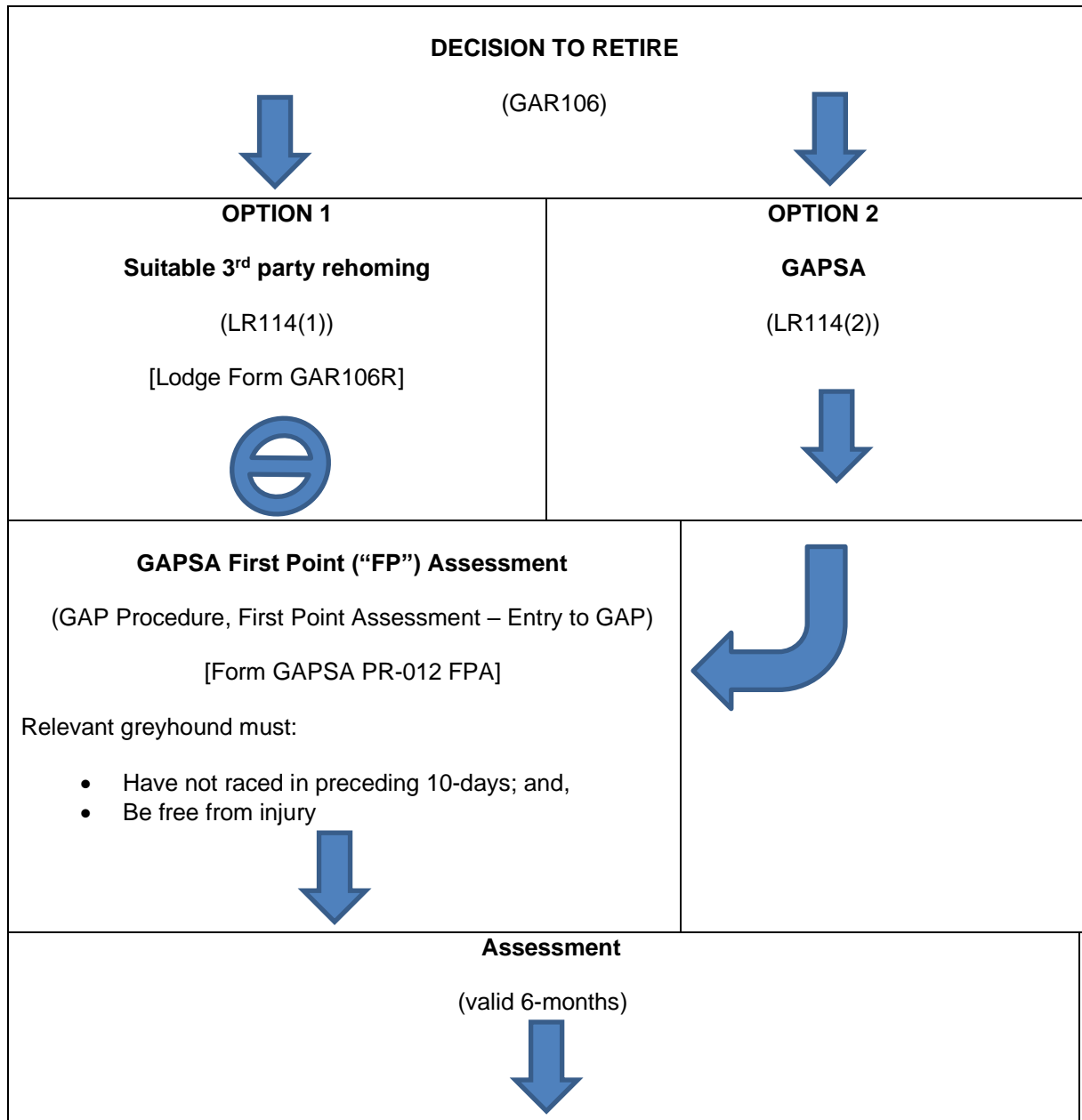
This policy reads in conjunction with the Rules of Racing and the policies and procedures followed by GAPSA, as amended from time to time.










PROCEDURE

When a responsible person proceeds to retire a relevant greyhound, they must follow the following rules:

- *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, rule 106
- Local Regulatory Rule, rule 114

The following flowchart summarises the GAPSA assessment process.



Physical Assessment + First Point Small Dog assessment [Form GAPSA FM-011]			
<p>When assessing a greyhound for rehoming, GAPSA may consider, but is not limited to, the following "suitability factors":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) The physical assessment of the greyhound by GAPSA; (b) The greyhound's interactions with small dogs; (c) The greyhound's behaviour during general handling and assessment by GAPSA; (d) Information from the Responsible Person about the greyhound's temperament for rehoming. 			At assessment, responsible person claims greyhound unsuitable to rehome
			
PASS (Procedure 6.1) [LR114(4)] [Lodge Forms GAPSA FM-004 + GAR106R]	RE-ASSESS (Procedure 6.2.) [LR 114(5)] [Form GAPSA FM-033]	FAIL (Procedure 6.2) [LR114(6)] [Form GAPSA FM-011]	PASS-PENDING (Procedure 6.4) [Form GAPSA FM-011]
			
REHOMING ASSESSMENT PANEL Decision options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PASS • RE-ASSESS • FAIL 			

ORDER

Pass result

The responsible person must re-home the relevant greyhound with GAPSA or a suitable 3rd party as far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with any GAPSA recommendations.

Re-assess result

The responsible person must present, or cause to be presented, the relevant greyhound to GAPSA for further testing and assessment at the time, place and in the circumstances specified by GAPSA; and further times as directed, if required.

Fail result

The responsible person must take all reasonably practical steps to comply with any GAPSA recommendations. If suitable rehoming is not achievable in all the circumstances, and no other reasonable alternative exists, the responsible person must ensure that the euthanasia procedure is humanly performed by a registered veterinary surgeon.

Pass-pending result

Where the relevant greyhound passes the first point assessment (on first or re-assessment), but the responsible person makes representations that the relevant greyhound is not suitable for rehoming on medical or behavioural grounds, such that euthanasia is the only course having regard to the best interests of the relevant greyhound, the assessment result is deemed “pass-pending”.

All pass-pending assessment results will be reviewed by the rehoming assessment panel, before any further decision is made. Until that further decision is made, the relevant person must not deal with the relevant greyhound in any way that would require notification pursuant to rule 106, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

The rehoming assessment panel may consider, but is not limited to, the following “*suitability factors*”:

- (a) The first point assessment of the relevant greyhound, including physical and behavioural assessments;
- (b) The relevant greyhound’s interactions with small dogs;
- (c) The relevant greyhound’s behaviour during general handling and assessment, both by GAPSA at the first point assessment and, at any other times, as known by the rehoming assessment panel;
- (d) Information from the responsible person about the relevant greyhound’s temperament for rehoming.

When considering the responsible person’s information about the relevant greyhound’s temperament for rehoming, the rehoming assessment panel must take into account the *Animal Welfare – Notification of Behaviour Policy* (where in force at the time).

The rehoming assessment panel may assess the relevant greyhound’s assessment as:

- Pass;
- Re-assess; or,
- Fail

The responsible person must follow the assessment result, as determined by the rehoming assessment panel.

The responsible person must comply with rule 106, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, relating to notifying the controlling body of the retirement of the relevant greyhound, or they shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with rule 95, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

The responsible person must comply with rule 114, *Local Regulatory Rules*, relating to the rehoming of the relevant greyhound, or they shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with rule 95, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

This policy commences on the date nominated in the relevant Stewards’ Notice.