



Summer in Australia can be very harsh, as well as keeping ourselves cool and hydrated we **MUST** make sure you are doing the same for your greyhounds.

If you don't have access to an air conditioner in your kennel areas or minimal shade in your outdoor areas, here are some simple and cost-effective ways that you can keep your dogs well hydrated and cool and comfortable this summer.

## GRSA HOT WEATHER POLICY

Please familiarise yourself with Greyhound Racing SA **Hot Weather Policy**, you can find this in the GRSA website - [www.sa.thedogs.com.au/](http://www.sa.thedogs.com.au/) - Integrity – Rules and Policies – Hot Weather Policy, alternatively we can supply hard copies at the GRSA office.

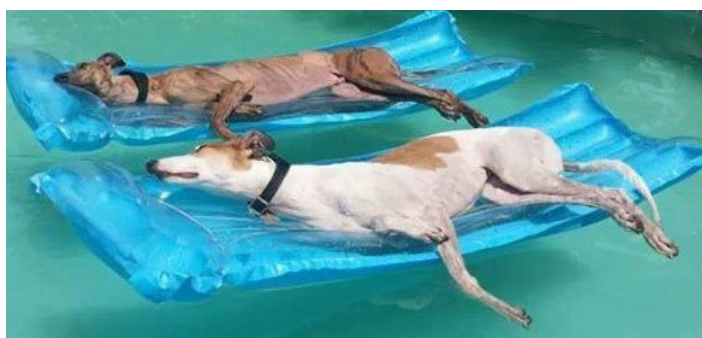
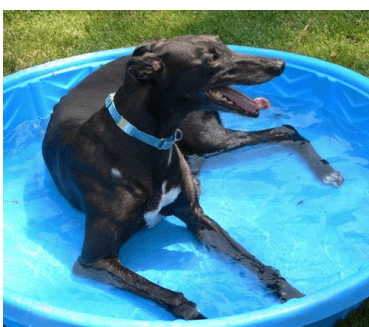
## SHADE

It is very important that your greyhound has access to a cool shady area if left outside, we would always encourage to supply your dogs with air-conditioning if possible. Alternatively, shade cloth is an easy way to provide your dogs with much needed shade during extreme weather conditions.



## PADDLING POOLS

Greyhounds are more susceptible to the hot weather than other dogs, to avoid any serious heat related issues a wading pool is a great idea to keep your dog's cool in the hotter months. Greyhounds LOVE water! You can purchase these pools from Bunnings or Kmart for around \$20



## ICE BLOCKS / ICE IN WATER BOWLS

Ice in water bowls and ice blocks are another great idea to keep dogs cool. You can add a bit of food to your ice blocks, they are very easy to make and very effective.



## FANS AND MISTERS AND MIST FANS

A fan should be an absolute must when it comes to summer in indoor kennel areas. Better yet, why not make it a mist fan! Although these can be on the more expensive side these are a perfect idea for your indoor kennels.



## COOLING VESTS AND WET TOWELS

Ice vests are another great way to keep your dog cool in both indoor and outdoor situations and also when travelling around.



**ALWAYS REMEMBER – If it's too hot for you, it is too hot for your greyhounds!**

## EXERCISING AND TRAINING DOGS IN HOT WEATHER

In hot weather always be mindful of when you want to train or exercise your greyhounds. Avoid the hottest parts of the day, the best times are early morning and later on the evening.

ALWAYS check the ground/ pavement / asphalt temperature. If its too hot for you it will be too hot for your dog! Greyhounds foot pads are just like our feet and can be severely damaged if made to walk on a very hot ground.

