

# Transportation Policy

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The purpose of the GRSA Transportation of Greyhounds Policy is to provide participants with the minimum standard requirements when transporting greyhounds. It will assist participants in providing a safe and healthy environment for their greyhounds when using either a motor vehicle and/or trailer as their means of transport.

### **Vehicle Standard:**

- 1. Vehicle must be clean, registered and roadworthy.
- 2. Vehicle must have adequate and functioning ventilation.
- 3. If travelling time exceeds one hour, a break in the journey must be made to check on the well-being of the greyhounds and for water consumption.
- 4. Collars and leads should be stored in an appropriate place to avoid the greyhounds becoming entangled.
- 5. Greyhounds must be given sufficient room to enable them to sit, lie down or stand in a natural position.
- 6. Greyhounds must not be left unattended in the vehicle for any extended period.
- 7. Greyhounds must be safely restrained within the vehicle so as to avoid distracting the driver or sustaining injury to themselves and/or the vehicles occupants in the event of an accident.

## **Trailer Standard:**

- 1. Trailer must be clean, registered and roadworthy.
- 2. Doors, hinges and latches must be in working order and securely fixed to the main frame.
- 3. Doors must be locked externally with an appropriate locking mechanism that cannot be unlocked or opened from the inside.
- 4. Trailer must have adequate and functioning ventilation.
- 5. It is recommended that during the hotter months greyhounds are transported wearing ice vests. (These are available for purchase from GRSA at a subsidized rate.)
- 6. If travelling time exceeds one hour, a break in the journey must be made to check on the well-being of the greyhound and to allow for water consumption.
- 7. Greyhounds must not be left unattended in the trailer for any extended period.



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- 8. Greyhounds must be transported in separate compartments which must be securely fixed and allow for the greyhound to sit, lie down and stand in a natural position without contact with any overhead structures.
- Collars and leads should be stored in an appropriate place to avoid the greyhounds becoming entangled.
- 10. Trailers must have a secure means of attaching to a vehicle to prevent separation during transportation.

Trailer and vehicle inspections will be conducted by the Animal Welfare Officers. Failure to comply with these minimum standards may result in further action being taken.

Please refer to Greyhound Racing Rule 106(1) and (2)

#### R106 Proper care (welfare) of greyhounds.

- (1) A registered person must ensure that greyhounds, which are in the person's care or custody, are provided at all times with –
  - a. Proper and sufficient food, drink and protective apparel;
  - b. Proper exercise;
  - c. Kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition; and
  - d. Veterinary attention when necessary.
- (2) A registered person must exercise such reasonable care and supervision as may be necessary to prevent greyhounds pursuant to the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering.