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## ***ANIMAL WELFARE ALERT - KENNEL COUGH***

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GRSA is notifying participants of recent outbreaks interstate of infectious Kennel Cough. Kennel cough is highly infectious and dogs with the disease can remain infectious for up to three (3) months after the symptoms disappear.

Prevention is largely reliant on regular and annual vaccination and good kennel management. Participants who suspect a greyhound of having kennel cough should immediately isolate the greyhound, disinfect their kennels and contact their veterinarian for advice.

Individual immunity to the disease can be maximised by maintaining a regular program of vaccinations in all dogs for their entire lifecycle.

Kennel Cough is a complex disease caused by various combinations of viruses and bacteria, so vaccination may not always prevent the disease. However, vaccination will minimise the severity of symptoms in most cases.

GRSA recommends that all participants speak to their veterinarian as soon as possible about preventable measures, including vaccination, to decrease the spread of the current outbreak of the disease.

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