

Greyhound Rehoming Obligations

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- (1) Local Rules 1-7 are in addition to the provisions of GAR106 and set out the obligations of registered persons in respect of all greyhounds (as defined in GAR1) which are in that person's care, custody or control where that greyhound:
 - (i) is unraced and it has been decided will not at any time in the future be raced as a greyhound; or
 - (ii) is to be retired from racing;and, despite the best prior endeavours of the Responsible Person, is unable to be rehomed to the care and control of a suitable third party.
- (2) For the purposes of Local Rules 1-7:
 - (i) the Greyhound Adoption Program SA ("**GAPSA**") is a program run by GRSA and under the auspices of GRSA for assessing greyhounds to ensure that where possible and reasonably practicable all unraced and retired greyhounds are afforded the opportunity of finding a suitable permanent home.
 - (ii) Responsible Person is a person who:
 - (a) at the time(s) contemplated by this Local Rule; and
 - (b) after the time specified in GAR136;has the care, custody or control of a Relevant Greyhound and includes the Responsible Person's agents; delegates, employees; contractors; partners or assigns and any corporate entity through which the Responsible Person may operate.
 - (iii) Relevant Greyhound is a greyhound as described in Local Sub Rule 1.
 - (iv) For the purposes of Local Rules 1–8, the Prescribed Form is the Notification of Retired Greyhound/ Euthanased Greyhound Form.
- (3) A Relevant Greyhound must first be assessed by GAPSA for suitability to be rehomed before any other action is taken by the Responsible Person, or any other registered persons, as to the future of that Relevant Greyhound. This GAPSA assessment must not take place until the expiration of ten (10) days from that Relevant Greyhound's last start in an event (if applicable).
- (4) If the GAPSA assessment referred to in Local Rule 3 is that the Relevant Greyhound is suitable for rehoming, the Responsible Person must re-home the Relevant Greyhound with GAPSA or with a third party as far as reasonably practicable, in accordance with GAPSA's recommendations.
- (5) If upon initial assessment pursuant to Local Rule 3, GAPSA has identified a Relevant Greyhound as requiring, and suitable for, further assessment, that Relevant Greyhound must be again presented to GAPSA for further testing and assessment at the time, place and in the circumstances specified by GAPSA and, in the event that Relevant Greyhound is then assessed as suitable for rehoming, the Responsible Person must rehome that Relevant Greyhound with GAPSA or with a third party as far as reasonably practicable in accordance with GAPSA's recommendations.

- (6) In the event that a Relevant Greyhound:
- (i) is assessed by GAPSA as 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; or
 - (ii) in a particular case, after taking all reasonably practicable steps to comply with the GAPSA recommendations referred to in Sub Rule 4 or 5, suitable rehoming is not achievable in all the circumstances and no other reasonable alternatives exist;

the Responsible Person must ensure that that euthanasia procedure is humanely performed by a registered Veterinary Surgeon and comply with GAR106(3).

- (7) Where a Relevant Greyhound has been euthanased by a Veterinary Surgeon in accordance with Rule 6 above:
- (i) the veterinary certificate of euthanasia; and
 - (ii) the prescribed form;

each to the satisfaction of the Stewards must be lodged by the Responsible Person with GRSA as the Controlling Body within two working days of that euthanasia procedure.

- (8) In the event that any greyhound (including a Relevant Greyhound) is at any time so seriously ill or injured as to be, in the expert opinion of a registered veterinary surgeon:
- (i) beyond reasonable and practicable veterinary treatment and such that euthanasia is the only course having regard to the best interests of that greyhound; and
 - (ii) prior assessment by GAPSA is not practicable;

in addition to complying with GAR106(3), the registered person(s) who has the care, custody or control of that greyhound at the relevant time, must ensure that the euthanasia procedure is humanely performed by a registered Veterinary Surgeon.

- (9) Where a greyhound has been euthanised by a Veterinary Surgeon in accordance with Local Rule 8 above:
- (i) the veterinary certificate of euthanasia (including certification as to the matters in Local Sub Rules 8.1 and 8.2); and
 - (ii) the prescribed form;

each to the satisfaction of the Stewards must be lodged with GRSA as the Controlling Body by the registered person who has the care, custody or control of that greyhound at the relevant time within two working days of that euthanasia procedure.

- (10) A Responsible Person or a registered person who has the care, custody or control of a greyhound at the relevant time (other than a Relevant Greyhound) (as the case may be) who fails to comply with any provision of Local Rules 1-9 above is guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with GAR95.