

GREYHOUND CARE SCHEME POLICY

1.0 PURPOSE

The Greyhound Care Scheme (GCS) offers financial support for greyhounds that have been injured during an official timed grnsw race in nsw where the incapacitation period is more than 60 days to cover the cost of:

1. Triage and diagnosis
2. Surgical repair
3. Post-operative care for greyhounds that have been injured during an official timed grnsw race in NSW where the incapacitation period is 60 or more days.

For the removal of doubt : trials (including clearance trials) are not covered by GCS 2.0

For greyhounds that have sustained certain bone fractures or ligament injuries requiring advanced surgical repair, additional financial assistance is available to help cover the veterinary costs for treatment. The Scheme excludes Euthanasia, bone fractures of the tail and single metatarsal / metacarpal fractures.

Greyhounds utilising GCS for surgical repair will not be eligible for racing or breeding, post recovery.

In addition, there is a Post-Operative Care Subsidy for participants who take on the responsibility of caring for their greyhound post operatively.

2.0 PROCESS

Stage 1: Triage and Diagnosis

The GCS provides transport and veterinary services, to stabilise the greyhound and for the accurate diagnosis of the injury. The veterinary services eligible for the scheme include the services listed below up to a value of \$1200:

- Emergency after hours call out fee
- Hospitalisation until the next business day
- Stabilisation medication & bandaging/cast until next business day
- Veterinary consultation
- X-Rays (diagnostic)
- Fluid therapy
- Medications such as analgesia, anaesthesia, and antibiotics

GRNSW and its agents are not liable for complications during or from transportation.

Stage 2: Eligibility (as per Stage 1)

A greyhound is eligible if:

1. The injury is sustained during an official timed race in NSW; and
2. The On-Track Veterinarian (OTV) has issued a stand-down period of 60 or more days for the injury

Stage 2: Surgical Repair

The GCS provides financial assistance for the pre-approved veterinary services listed below for eligible injuries:

- Intake physical examination
- Pre-anaesthetic bloodwork

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- Medication, including take home medications
- Imaging
- Surgical procedure
- Post-surgical recovery monitoring
- Hospitalisation as required
- Wound dressings
- Recheck appointments
- Form 3: Veterinary Clearance for Rehoming Form

Stage 2: Eligibility

1. Eligible for Stage 1
2. The greyhound will not be eligible for racing or breeding, post recovery.
3. GRNSW will notify GWIC of the greyhound's involvement in GCS Stage 2.

Stage 3: Post-Operative Care Subsidy

The GCS also provides financial assistance, up to 8 weeks at \$100/week for the post-operative care of the greyhound by participants.

Stage 3: Eligibility

1. Eligible for Stage 1 & 2

3.0 HOW TO ACCESS THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Stage 1: Triage and Diagnosis

Automatic when the OTV issues 60 or more days stand down, by filling in Form 1: Application for the Greyhound Care Scheme.

Stage 2: Surgical Repair

The treating veterinary hospital will submit to GRNSW (vets@grnsw.com.au):

1. Form 1: Application for the Greyhound Care Scheme, completed and signed by owner/trainer/authorised agent.
2. Invoice/s, itemised and addressed to the Participant with microchip number & racing name; and
3. Clinical notes/Patient history with microchip number & racing name.

The Greyhound Care Scheme financial assistance is set out in the table below:

Veterinary services for the treatment of the bone fracture	Payment cap for all veterinary services listed in Stage 2
Common surgical repair including non-comminuted fractures	up to \$3,500
Complex surgical procedures	up to \$5,000
Other	Pre-approval only

The participant remains liable for incurred costs where the application is not valid.

Stage 3: Post-Operative Care

The participant must submit:

1. Form 2: Post-Operative Care Subsidy Application, completed and signed by the participant providing the post-operative care
2. Form 3: Veterinary Clearance for Rehoming Form, completed and signed by the examining veterinary practitioner
3. Receipt of retirement notification from the Principal Racing Authority (GWIC, GRV, QRIC, etc)

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4.0 TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The greyhound must be eligible for the Greyhound Care Scheme (GCS). Eligibility requirement can be found at www.greyhoundcarescheme.com.au
2. The injured greyhound must be seen by a registered veterinary practitioner, excluding the OTV, within 24 hours of the injury.
3. GRNSW is not responsible for arranging the veterinary treatments or rehabilitation care.
4. Any other veterinary treatments/repairs (excluding triage) above financial caps, set out in the Policy, must be approved by GRNSW. Otherwise, the Participant is responsible for payment.
5. The Participant is responsible for providing consent for all veterinary treatment, to the treating veterinarian.
6. The Participant is responsible for treatment costs above the financial limits unless pre-approval has been granted by GRNSW.
7. GRNSW is not liable for surgical or rehabilitation complications. If a complication occurs a new GCS application will need to be submitted.
8. Veterinary invoices must be issued in the name of the Participant applying under the Scheme and must include such particulars as GRNSW may require.
9. GRNSW will supply Track Ambulance Transport from the track to the preferred treating Veterinary Hospital. The participant may choose to transport the Greyhound themselves.
10. Ambulance transport is not provided by a vehicle equipped to provide emergency care.
11. GRNSW is not liable for complications during transportation or arising from transportation.
12. The Participant is responsible for the collection of the greyhound from the treating veterinarian on the direction of the veterinarian. The Participant is liable for all hospital costs beyond that directed by the treating veterinarian.
13. Invoices seeking payment must be presented to GRNSW within 60 days of the date of the invoice.
14. Post-operative care subsidies are only approved for payment upon receipt of Notification of Retirement to GWIC.
15. Incomplete applications and applications without the required supporting documentation will not be processed.
16. GRNSW reserves the right to amend this Policy at any time.

5.0 DEFINITIONS

Participant means an owner and/or trainer of a greyhound registered with Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission or other State/Territory principal greyhound racing authority and includes the authorised agent of the owner and/or trainer.

6.0 POLICY INFORMATION

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Approved by: Chief Executive Officer

POLICY IS READABLE AT:

