

FACT SHEET - GRNSW Licensing Breeders

New Rules come into effect on 1 July 2015

To align NSW with the majority of greyhound racing jurisdictions in Australia, new GRNSW Greyhound Racing Rules (Rules) relating to licensing breeding will commence on 1 July 2015. These Rules are aimed at ensuring persons meet minimum requirements before breeding greyhounds.

Previously in NSW, any person that was licensed with GRNSW as an owner or trainer was permitted to breed greyhounds. From 1 July 2015, all persons wishing to breed greyhounds will be required to hold a **breeder's licence**.

Breeding Activities Requiring a Licence

Under the new Rules, a person **must** hold a breeder's licence to:

- arrange for the service or artificial insemination of a dam;
- whelp a litter of pups;
- care for an unnamed greyhound including times the greyhound is being whelped, reared, educated and trained.

Failure to be licensed will amount to a contravention of the GRNSW Greyhound Racing Rules which is an offence.

Applying for a Breeder's License

If you wish to apply for a Breeder's licence, you will be required to complete the **Breeder Licence Application Form** and submit it to GRNSW. In the application form, you will need to complete personal details and details about the breeding premises. You will also be required to successfully complete the Breeder's Education Pack and submit the questionnaire along with the application form.

Once GRNSW receives your application form, you will be contacted to have your breeding facility inspected. Your breeding facility will be inspected in accordance with the Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education.

The Breeder's Education Pack

You will be required to successfully complete the Breeder's Education Pack prior to your Breeder's licence being issued.

The Breeder's Education Pack is an introductory guide to breeding and covers key areas such as 'Getting Started', 'The Pregnancy', 'Whelping the Litter' and 'Raising the Litter'. At the end of the Education Pack, there is a short questionnaire that applicants must successfully complete.

The pack and questionnaire is available in the Breeding section of the GRNSW website – www.thedogs.com.au

Once you complete the questionnaire, please attach it to the **Breeder Licence Application Form**.

Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education

Prior to being issued with a Breeder's Licence, you will be required to pass the breeding premises inspection. This inspection will assess whether your breeding premises complies with the Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education (the Code).

The Code provides an overarching framework for breeders, rearers and educators and specifies the minimum standards of accommodation, management and care for greyhounds.

The Code is available in the Breeding section of the GRNSW website – www.thedogs.com.au

Once you are issued with your breeder's licence, you will be required to comply with the Code on an ongoing basis. Routine and random breeding premises inspections will be conducted to monitor your compliance with the Code.

Fees For Breeder's Licence

You will initially not be charged a fee for the Breeder's licence. However, fees to offset costs of administration and promote considered breeding decisions will be introduced from 2016.

Further Information

The new Rules, Application Form, Breeder's Education Pack and Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education can be viewed in the Breeding section on the GRNSW website – www.thedogs.com.au

If you have any questions, please contact the GRNSW Member Services Team on (02) 8767 0500 for more information.