

Proposed LR106A – Greyhound surrender and euthanasia

(1) For the purposes of this Rule:

- (a) a greyhound is considered “**unable to be rehomed**” if:
 - (i) the owner of the greyhound does not believe that the greyhound can be reasonably retained as a pet by the owner and the owner is able to explain why this is not possible in the relevant circumstances; and
 - (ii) a person has contacted the GRNSW Greyhounds As Pets program and at least two other rehoming providers who have declined to accept the greyhound for rehoming; or
 - (iii) a veterinary surgeon or rehoming provider has assessed the greyhound as not suitable for rehoming.
- (b) “**rehoming provider**” means an organisation, charitable or non-charitable, that operates with a view to finding a new place of residence for greyhounds that are no longer racing. This may include approved animal welfare organisations under the *Companion Animals Act 1998* and other rehoming providers, but does not include local councils.
- (c) “**Humane euthanasia**” and “**Humanely euthanased**” means the destruction of a greyhound in a compassionate manner that:
 - (i) is painless;
 - (ii) achieves rapid unconsciousness followed by death;
 - (iii) involves minimal animal fear and distress; and
 - (iv) is reliable and irreversible.
- (d) “**Emergency euthanasia**” means the humane euthanasia of a greyhound in the absence of a veterinary surgeon that is essential to end a greyhound’s significant suffering owing to sudden and catastrophic injury, in accordance with Local Rule 106A(4).

(2) A person must not surrender a registered greyhound to a local council unless:

- (a) the greyhound is unable to be rehomed in accordance with sub-rule (1); and
- (b) the person provides the Controlling Body with satisfactory evidence of their efforts to comply with this sub-rule by lodging the prescribed GRNSW form within ten working days of that greyhound being surrendered to a local council.

(3) Subject to sub-rule (4), a person must not have a greyhound euthanased or otherwise destroyed unless:

- (a) the greyhound is Humanely euthanased by a veterinary surgeon who has examined the greyhound; and
- (b) the greyhound is:
 - (i) seriously injured; or
 - (ii) seriously ill; or
 - (iii) unable to be rehomed in accordance with sub-rule (1); and
- (c) the person provides the Controlling Body with satisfactory evidence of their efforts to comply with this sub-rule by lodging the prescribed GRNSW form within two working days of the greyhound being humanely euthanased.

(4) Sub-rule (3) does not apply if:

- (a) the immediate Humane euthanasia of the greyhound is essential to end the greyhound's significant suffering owing to sudden and catastrophic injury and emergency veterinary attention cannot be obtained in a reasonable period of time; and
- (b) a veterinary surgeon has been contacted by the person and has approved the euthanasia and the method of euthanasia; and following the Humane euthanasia, the person telephones the Controlling Body within 24 hours and advises:
 - (i) that they have undertaken Emergency euthanasia of a greyhound in accordance with this Local Rule 106A(4);
 - (ii) the reason for the euthanasia;
 - (iii) the method of the euthanasia;
 - (iv) the contact details of the veterinary surgeon; and
- (c) the person takes the deceased greyhound's body as soon as possible to a veterinary clinic, and until such time as an officer of the Controlling Body permits disposal of the body of the deceased greyhound, it is retained at the veterinary clinic, and made available to the Controlling Body for a post-mortem examination; and
- (d) when authorised by the Controlling Body, the body of the deceased greyhound is disposed of via a veterinary clinic; and
- (e) within two working days of the death of the greyhound the full details of the Emergency euthanasia are reported to the Controlling Body by lodging the prescribed GRNSW form.