

Supplement to Codes of Practice – Greyhound Euthanasia



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Application

This policy applies to all greyhound racing industry participants with the care, custody, control, and/or ownership of greyhounds.

Purpose

This policy clarifies the greyhound euthanasia requirements of Greyhound Racing NSW (**GRNSW**) and supplements the existing 'Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training' and the 'Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education' (together, the **Codes of Practice**).

This policy also aligns GRNSW's euthanasia requirements with the requirements of the *Greyhound Racing Prohibition Act 2016* (the **Prohibition Act**).

Background

On 26 August 2016, the *Greyhound Racing Prohibition Act 2016* commenced which requires owners of greyhounds registered in New South Wales to notify or seek consent from GRNSW if they want to do certain things with their greyhound.

Relevantly, the Prohibition Act prohibits a greyhound owner from destroying a greyhound or causing it to be destroyed unless the owner has written consent from GRNSW. GRNSW consent is not required if the greyhound is destroyed by a veterinary practitioner in an emergency in order to relieve it of suffering or distress due to injury or illness.

Policy

- 1.1. Despite paragraphs 14.1 to 14.6 in the Codes of Practice, euthanasia of greyhounds must only be undertaken in accordance with this Supplement.
- 1.2. You must not euthanase or otherwise destroy any greyhound without the written consent of GRNSW. To apply for consent, the GRNSW [Consent Form](#) must be completed and signed by the greyhound's owner.
- 1.3. GRNSW's consent to euthanase a greyhound is not required if the greyhound is destroyed by a veterinary practitioner in an emergency in order to relieve it of suffering or distress due to injury or illness.
- 1.4. GRNSW will only provide consent after the information provided in the Consent Form has been assessed and GRNSW is satisfied that the greyhound will be humanely destroyed. Following euthanasia of a greyhound, you must lodge a [Notification of Retirement](#) Form (along with a veterinary certificate of euthanasia) with GRNSW within two working days in order to meet the requirements of Rule 106.

