

GAR 111A(1) states that a greyhound whelped on or after 1 January 2011 must be ear branded and micro-chipped in accordance with the requirements of the Controlling Body.

This policy outlines the procedures determined by Racing Services Tasmania (RST) (the integrity Controlling Body) as applicable to meeting the requirements of GAR 111A.

Litters whelped in Tasmania must be implanted in accordance with the following –

- Breeders must arrange to have their litters marked up and ear branded between 8 to 10 weeks of age by an RST Marking Official prior to having the pups micro-chipped.
- Pups must have an RST approved and supplied microchip implanted by an RST Approved Implanter and this must occur between 10 to 16 weeks of age.
- Vaccination must also be completed in accordance with GAR 135(1)(b) between 10 to 16 weeks of age.
- A fully completed litter registration application must be submitted to RST within 4 months from the date of whelping, unless approval for an extension of this time is sought and granted by RST.

The Tasmanian Director of Racing has determined that all greyhounds which are used for breeding purposes in Tasmania must be micro-chipped in accordance with the following procedure.

- Racing Services Tasmania will provide the owners of stud dogs and breeding bitches with a letter of authority to allow the implantation of an RST supplied and approved microchip by an RST Approved Implanter.
- This letter of authority will be issued following the receipt by RST of –
 - an application to register a stud sire; or
 - notification that a bitch has been served, if RST records indicate that the greyhound does not already have a microchip implanted.
- The implantation of stud dogs must be completed prior to the registration as a Stud Sire being approved.
- Breeding bitches should be implanted prior to whelping but must be implanted prior to the first resultant litter being registered.
- RST will maintain microchip records.

A greyhound which is not implanted in accordance with the above requirements will only be registered if exceptional circumstances are proven. Such exceptional circumstances will generally relate to matters outside the control of the breeder.