

New Greyhounds Australasia Rules effective 30 April 2015

NEW RULES

R86A Approved types of Lures

A person shall only use or have in their possession at any place where greyhounds are, or are to be kept, trained or educated or prepared to race, or racing, a lure that is approved by the Controlling Body.

R86B Offences Relating to Luring and Baiting

(1) A person who, in the opinion of the Stewards or Controlling Body-

- (a) uses in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, or racing, any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal whether as bait, quarry or lure, or to entice, excite or encourage a greyhound to pursue it or otherwise; or
- (b) attempts to possess, or has possession of, or brings onto, any grounds, premises or within the boundaries of any property where greyhounds are, or are to be trained, kept or raced, any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal for the purpose of being, or which might reasonably be capable of being, or likely to be, used as bait, quarry or lure to entice or excite or encourage a greyhound to pursue it; or
- (c) causes, procures, permits or allows a greyhound to pursue or attack any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal;
- (d) fails to use reasonable endeavours to prevent a greyhound pursuing or attacking any live animal, animal carcass or any part of an animal; or
- (e) is in any way directly or indirectly involved in committing, or is knowingly concerned with, such conduct as set out in (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Rule; or
- (f) aids, abets, counsels or procures any person to commit such conduct as set out in (a), (b), (c) or (d) of this Rule; or
- (g) is convicted in any Court of an offence in relation to the use of, or having in their possession, any live animal, animal carcass or part of an animal in connection with greyhound training, education or preparation to race, or racing

shall be disqualified for a period of not less than 10 years and, in addition shall be fined a sum not exceeding such amount as specified in the relevant Act or Rules, unless there is a finding that a special circumstance exists, whereupon a penalty less than the minimum penalty may be imposed."

(2) A person who witnesses conduct as set out in (1)(a), (1)(b), 1(c), or 1(d) above but fails to report that conduct to the Controlling Body as soon as reasonably practicable shall be disqualified for a period of not less than 5 years and/or fined a sum not exceeding twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars.

R86C Reporting and other matters

(1) For the purposes of Rules 86A to 86C:

'training' shall include, in addition to those activities otherwise defined as 'training' in the Rules, any activities whereby a greyhound is exposed to any item for the purpose or effect, or that would have the likely effect, of enticing, exciting or encouraging it to pursue, entice or excite, or that causes such reaction from a greyhound.

- (2) Where any officer, employee, member, visitor or contractor of a Club has knowledge of, or suspects, an offence may be occurring contrary to Rule 86A or Rule 86B on any ground under the control or management of a Club, that Club shall report the matter forthwith to the Controlling Body. A failure to do so may result in the licence of that Club being cancelled, either for a specified period or permanently, and the Club may be penalised pursuant to these Rules.
- (3) Where any manager, employee, member, visitor or contractor has knowledge of, or suspects, an offence may be occurring contrary to Rule 86A or Rule 86B on any ground under the control or management of a licensee or manager of a greyhound trial track or greyhound training facility, the trial track or training facility manager shall report the matter to the Controlling Body forthwith. A failure to do so may result in the registration of the track or facility and of any person concerned with the management of that track or facility being cancelled, either for a specified period or permanently, and any such person may be penalised pursuant to these Rules.
- (4) Any person penalised under Rule 86A, Rule 86B or Rule 86C (or any equivalent Rule) in any jurisdiction shall not be entitled to make any application to the Controlling Body for any licence or registration or to be an owner of any registered greyhound.
- (5) A person shall not be in breach of Rule 86B(1)(b) where the animal is kept on or at the premises as a domesticated pet or is kept for rural or agricultural purposes with prior notification to and approval from the Controlling Body. For the purpose of this sub-rule, notification must be in the manner and form required by the Controlling Body for this exclusion to apply.
- (6) Nothing in Rule 86B or Rule 86C serves to create an offence in association with the normal, routine feeding of meat to greyhounds, provided that such source of feed has been obtained in accordance with all applicable legislation and regulations relating to the acquisition of such food items and the welfare of the animals involved and is not being or intended to be used for any other purpose.
- (7) For the purposes of this Rule, an animal shall be deemed to include any bird.

Replace definition of 'lure' with the following:

“**lure**” means any item, natural or man-made, that is used in any way, by any person with the intention or effect of encouraging or inciting a greyhound to pursue, attack or excite it by responding to such stimuli, and ‘quarry’ and ‘bait’ shall have a similar meaning.

AMENDED RULES

R86 (ad) “unless authorised by stewards or Controlling Body, keeps on or brings onto a racecourse or trial track or training track or facility or a surrounding area, as defined by a Controlling Body, a live animal other than a greyhound”

R86 (af) “uses an animal for any purpose connected with greyhound racing or training in a manner which amounts to maltreatment of an animal or is improper or illegal”