1. **OBJECTIVE**

1.1 The objective of this policy is to outline the recommended standards of health and veterinary care for greyhounds.

2. **POLICY**

2.1. **Health Checks**

2.1.1. All greyhounds should be inspected at least once daily to monitor their health and well-being.

2.1.2. The person checking greyhounds should note if each greyhound is:

   2.1.2.1. Eating
   2.1.2.2. Drinking
   2.1.2.3. Defecating
   2.1.2.4. Urinating
   2.1.2.5. Behaving normally
   2.1.2.6. Showing any obvious signs of illness or distress
   2.1.2.7. Is free from injury and able to move about freely.

2.1.3. Any changes in health status must be promptly reported to the person responsible for appropriate action.

2.2. **Veterinary care**

2.2.1. The responsible registered person should establish liaison with a veterinary surgeon that is able to attend to greyhounds in his or her care, and is also able to advise on disease prevention measures and animal husbandry matters.

2.2.2. The manager and staff should be familiar with the signs of common diseases and injuries of greyhounds.

2.2.3. When signs of disease or injury are observed, action must be promptly taken to protect the well-being of individual greyhounds and to prevent the spread of disease.

2.2.4. Appropriate veterinary care must be provided for sick or injured greyhounds.

2.2.5. Greyhounds suspected of being sick or injured should not be allowed to race, be overworked or offered for sale.

2.2.6. Sick or injured greyhounds should be kept isolated from healthy greyhounds.

2.2.7. Veterinary advice should be obtained in the event of unexplained illness or deaths.
2.2.8. Internal and external parasites should be controlled in accordance with veterinary advice.

2.2.9. The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and medical treatments administered to a greyhound from the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care. That record must be retained for a minimum of two (2) years from the time the greyhound leaves their care in accordance with GAR 84A. Such record of treatment must be produced for inspection when requested by a Steward or a person authorised by the Controlling Body.

2.2.10. The following illustration details an example of the minimum acceptable detail of records required to be kept.

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2.3. **Euthanasia**

2.3.1. Where, as the result of injury or sickness or age, treatment to restore the health or physical wellbeing of a greyhound is impractical or unsuccessful, greyhounds must have the benefit of humane euthanasia.

2.3.2. Euthanasia must be performed in accordance with the Euthanasia policy.