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## 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.

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- 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.

<b>MEDICATION LOG</b>			
<b>Date</b>	<b>Greyhound</b>	<b>Treatment (name, dose, route)</b>	<b>Administered by (Name and signature)</b>

### **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.