

GREYHOUND

Breeding, Race Injury and Retirement

Quarterly Report

April to June 2023

1. Overview

The data are derived from the *OzChase* system, on-track veterinarian and race-day stewards' reports. Information is the property of the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania - Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) and is relevant to Tasmanian greyhound racing activities.

The following information is provided in this report as a routine disclosure:

1. Statistics on greyhound pups whelped and named as reported by owners and recorded by ORI.
2. Statistics on injuries occurring to racing greyhounds at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. The race-related injury data are sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and *OzChase* system reports.
3. Statistics on death/euthanasia of racing greyhounds because of injuries received at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. This includes greyhounds injured in races, who received off site treatment and assessment but were subsequently euthanised within a 14-day period from the date of injury. The data is sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and *OzChase* system reports.
4. Greyhound retirement notifications (including deaths) as reported by greyhound owners to ORI and held in *OzChase* as at the end of the reporting period.

Note: Injury Categories

Greyhounds injured or involved in incidents at Tasmanian race meetings are examined by on-track veterinarians. These incidents and actions are reported to the ORI and included in the stewards' reports for each race meeting.

Injuries vary from very minor incidents with no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period required to severe injuries that result in the death or euthanasia of a greyhound. Mandatory stand down periods allow for injury recovery before a greyhound is permitted to race again.

Injuries are categorised relative to the outcome – that is, the period of incapacitation (stand down) or death/euthanasia.

2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named from April 2023 to June 2023

During the period April 2023 to June 2023, there were 83 greyhound pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 56 greyhounds named (Table 2) in Tasmania.

It is important to note that greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age. This delay between whelping and naming means that the data in Table 2 does not relate to the same individual greyhounds as the data in Table 1.

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) during the period.

Month	Greyhounds Whelped
April 2023	16
May 2023	30
June 2023	37
Q4 Total	83

Table 2. Greyhounds named during the period.

Month	Greyhounds Named
April 2023	7
May 2023	36
June 2023	13
Q4 Total	56

3. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from April 2023 to June 2023

Reported greyhound racing-related injuries from April 2023 to June 2023

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1,000 starts. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1,000 starts. During the period April 2023 to June 2023, there were 39 greyhound race meetings held at Tasmanian venues. At these race meetings, there were a total of 2993 starts.

Table 3. Total greyhound racing injuries as reported at Tasmanian race meetings.

Injury Category	Incapacitation (Stand Down) Period	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1,000 Starters
Category A (G)	Nil	15	0.50
Category B (G)	1 to 10 days	28	0.94
Category C (G)	11 to 21 days	15	0.50
Category D (G)	22 to 28 days	6	0.20
Category D (F)	29 days & over	11	0.37
Category E (F)	Deceased or Euthanised	2	0.07
Total Injuries		77	2.57

Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from April 2023 to June 2023

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race (on track). These include injuries that resulted in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that may occur subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought.

Table 4. Greyhound euthanised at Tasmanian racetracks. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

Injury	Count
Right – Foreleg – Humerus Fracture	1
Other – Miscellaneous (Spinal Injury)	1
Total	2

4. Reported injuries by racetrack

Table 5. Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Tasmanian tracks.

Track	Track Surface	Starters	Total Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starters	Deceased / Euthanised	Deceased / Euthanised per 1,000 Starters
Launceston	Sand	992	27	2.70	1	0.10
Hobart	Sand	1041	18	1.73	0	0.00
NW @ Launceston	Sand	609	21	3.45	0	0.00
NW @ Hobart	Sand	351	9	2.56	1	0.28
Total		2993	75	2.51	2	0.07

5. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during April 2023 to June 2023

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to the ORI. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia as specified by Greyhounds Australasia Rule 22.

Caveats:

- Reports of retirements from OzChase may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgment of retirement notifications.
- Data for greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than the GAP are currently not available unless provided by owners in the greyhound's retirement notification.

Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications including data contained in Table 5, as reported to ORI by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to ORI by participants.

Category	Apr 2023	May 2023	June 2023	Total	%
Deceased accidental causes	0	0	3	3	16.67
Deceased illness or age	1	4	0	5	27.78
Deceased natural causes	1	0	1	2	11.11
Euthanised at track due to injury	0	0	1	1	5.56
Euthanised within 14 days after track injury	0	1*	0	1	5.56
Euthanised due to illness or age	2	1	1	4	22.22
Euthanised due to injury	0	0	1	1	5.56
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0	0	0	0.00
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehome	1	0	0	1	5.56
Total deceased or euthanised	5	6	7	18	100

* Note: this figure (one dog) was added on 18 July 2023 after original publication of this report on 15 July 2023 (and removed from category 'Euthanised due to injury').

Table 7. Greyhound retirement notifications as reported to ORI by owners.

Category	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	Total	%
Retired for breeding	0	1	1	2	3.13
Retired to owner	7	0	7	14	21.88
Retired to trainer	0	0	0	0	0.00
Retired as a pet to a third party	9	8	2	19	29.69
Retired to Tasracing GAP	7	5	1	13	20.31
Retired to other adoption program	3	6	7	16	25.00
Surrendered to other agency	0	0	0	0	0.00
Other	0	0	0	0	0.00
Total retired	26	20	18	64	100.00

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