

FACT SHEET

Greyhound Breeding Activity Licensing

Background

To allow regulatory authorities the ability to trace the whereabouts of a greyhound from its birth onwards and meet recommendation 19 of the Industry Review Report where a greyhound must be in the possession of, and under the ownership, care and control a licensed person, Local Rules covering the registration of Whelpers and Rearers were introduced from the commencement of the 2020/21 racing season.

Requirement to obtain a Breeding Activity Licence

Tasracing has determined the following as the requirements to obtain a Breeding Activity licence –

The managing owner of any registered female greyhound to be used for breeding purposes, or person with an authority (Form B) to breed a litter from a registered female greyhound, or a person engaged by the breeder who has the day to day care, control and custody of a female greyhound used for breeding or the rearing of greyhound pups, must hold the relevant licence to undertake the particular activity.

Definitions:

Breeder – *The managing owner of a registered female greyhound who can apply for her registration as a Breeding Female and arrange for the service or artificial insemination. Also entitled to whelp, rear and pre-educate the litter of greyhound pups.*

Whelper – *A person engaged by the breeder to have the day to day care, control and custody of the Breeding Female including whelping, care and custody of her litter until the pups have been ear tattooed, vaccinated and microchipped.*

Rearer – *A person who takes possession and thereby assumes responsibility for a greyhound pup for the purpose of rearing and education, from the time the pup has been ear tattooed, vaccinated and microchipped until such time as the greyhound is transferred to a trainer's racing kennel.*

*Any **new applicant** who can demonstrate sufficient breeding knowledge and experience in alternate areas, other than the greyhound industry, can apply to be recognised as a **breeder, whelper or rearer**. The application will be reviewed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian who will have absolute discretion in determining if the application is to be approved.*

A Breeder, Whelper or Rearer licence is issued at the discretion of the Director of Racing to a person who has: -

- **For a Breeder licence**, holds a current licence with ownership privileges in the greyhound industry in Tasmania.
- Attained the age of eighteen (18) years.
- Completed and lodged the relevant application form with the prescribed fee (if a fee is applicable).
- Submitted a current National Police Record Check if required.
- Submitted and successfully completed the Breeder's Education Package Questionnaire Units required for the activities to be conducted.
- A suitable property for the breeding and housing of greyhounds as applicable.
- If required, had a satisfactory inspection of their property by Stewards, if required once application is of an appropriate level for approval by the Director.
- Met all relevant local government (Council) and state government regulations and can provide evidence if requested.

NB: Persons who intend applying for a licence as a Whelper or Rearer are not required to hold a current licence with ownership privileges unless they intend to be involved in the greyhound industry in another capacity.

Role of Office of Racing Integrity

The Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) is responsible for administering the above requirements set by Tasracing and the following should assist you to understand the process that will be followed.

What Activities related to the Breeding of Greyhounds Require a Licence?

Under the rules, a person must hold an appropriate licence to:

- Register a Breeding Female;
- Arrange for the service or artificial insemination of a Breeding Female;
- Be engaged by the owner or authorized person of the Breeding Female to whelp a litter of pups;
- Be engaged by the owner or authorized person of the Breeding Female to rear a litter of pups.

Failure to be licensed in accordance with the rules will be deemed a contravention, which is an offence for which you may be penalized by way of fine or registration of the service or litter denied.

What do I need to do if I have previously bred a litter of greyhound pups or have other breeding experience?

If you are the holder of a current licence as a participant in the Tasmanian greyhound racing industry, have bred a litter of greyhound pups previously you will be required to complete and submit to ORI the **Greyhound Breeder's Licence Application (Experience) Form**. This form will ask you to supply personal details as well as details relating to your previous breeding experience including any experience or involvement with other breeding practices. You will also need to submit the relevant Breeders Education Package Questionnaires. The fee for licence is \$25.00 but this is subsidized by Tasracing so there is no cost to the participant.

What if I have not bred a litter of greyhound pups but have other breeding experience?

If you believe you can demonstrate sufficient breeding knowledge and experience, you can apply detailing your experience together with all other requirements. The application will be assessed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian, who at their absolute discretion, will determine if the application is to be approved and a breeder's licence issued.

How do I apply for a Breeder's Licence if I do not have any previous breeding experience?

If you wish to apply for a Breeder's licence for the first time and you have no previous experience, you will be required to complete the **Greyhound Breeder's Licence Application (No Experience) Form** and submit it to ORI with a current National Police Record Check (if a current report is not already on file with ORI). This form will ask for your personal details and details about the breeding premises. You will also be required to successfully complete the questionnaire relating to the **Breeder's Education Package** dependent on what activities you intend to undertake. IE: Breeder only – Units 1 and 2; Breeder & Whelp – Units 1, 2 & 3; Breeder, Whelp & Rearer – Units 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Once your application is received, you may be contacted to have your breeding facility inspected.

What will it cost me to obtain a Breeder, Whelp or Rearer Licence?

There will be no charge to the applicant for the Breeder, Whelp or Rearer Licence. The scheduled fee (currently \$25) is subsidized by Tasracing.

How old do I have to be to obtain a Breeder, Whelp or Rearer Licence?

All applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Will I need to renew these types of Licence?

YES. The licence will need to be renewed annually and will attract whatever fee is set at that time.

Can I apply for a licence at any time?

Yes, you certainly can. It will just be necessary to submit the application form and any other required documentation for assessment by ORI.

What information is contained in the Breeder's Education Package and how do I get a copy?

The **Breeder's Education Package** is an introductory guide to breeding and covers key areas such as "Getting Started", "The Pregnancy", "Whelping the Litter" and "Raising the Litter".

There is a short questionnaire that applicants must successfully complete at the end of the Education Pack relevant to the areas of breeding a litter which you intend to undertake.

The application form, pack and questionnaire are available from the Office of Racing Integrity or on our website at - <http://nre.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

Once you complete the relevant sections of the questionnaire, please attach to the **Breeder Activity Licence Application Form** and return both to ORI for processing.

What does the premises inspection cover?

Before a Breeder or associated Licence is issued, the premises you intend to use for greyhound breeding activities may be inspected to ensure it meets the minimum standard that ensures adequate animal welfare outcomes.

You can find a copy of an Inspection Preparation Checklist on the ORI website - <http://nre.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

Once your licence has been issued, you will be required to comply with the inspection requirements on an ongoing basis. Routine and random breeding premises inspections will be conducted to monitor your compliance.

How do I obtain further information?

All forms etc. are available from the ORI website - <http://nre.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Racing Integrity – Operations Department team on (03) 6777 1900 for assistance.

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