

# INDUSTRY NOTICE

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**Date of Issue:** 30 April 2022

## ***New Rules – Barking Muzzles***

On 1 May 2022, new Rules of Racing relevant to the greyhound code come into effect. The Rules were recently disseminated by Tasracing.

The Director of Racing advises that a two (2) month moratorium on the application of Rule 30 (*Use of Barking Muzzles prohibited*) will occur. This also includes Local Rule 30.1.

For clarity, barking muzzles may continue to be possessed and used appropriately until midnight on 30 June 2022.

The moratorium does not exempt participants from their obligations under Rule 21 (Part 4, Division 1) of the Greyhound Australasia Rules relating to Proper care for and welfare of greyhounds, or any provision of the *Animal Welfare Act 1993*.

The moratorium period will allow for due consideration of what circumstances, if any, the Controlling Body might approve in respect to the use of Barking Muzzles. The industry should not have any expectation that barking muzzles will be permitted by the controlling body or the Director of Racing following the expiry of the moratorium period.

Trainers and owners should consider suitable solutions to replace barking muzzles during this period.

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