

Adopting a greyhound

What do you need to know now that you have adopted a greyhound?

- The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires that when your greyhound is not on private property they must:
 - a) Wear a securely fixed muzzle over their mouths
 - b) Be on a leash, no more than two metres in length
- Greyhounds must be on lead at all times when not on private property. This means that even in 'off-leash areas' such as parks or beaches, all greyhounds must be kept on leash to prevent risk of injury to your greyhound.
- The microchip details for your new greyhound will need to be updated with your contact information, just in case your greyhound ever gets out of the house. That way when your greyhound is found and their microchip is scanned the details that will appear will be yours and not the previous owners. See attachment A to update your microchip details.

How can I get a muzzle exemption for my greyhound so it does not have to wear a muzzle in public?

The Dog and Cat Management Act 1995 requires that in order to be granted a muzzle exemption your greyhound must successfully complete a Dog and Cat Management Board approved Temperament Test (green collar assessment). Organisations offering this assessment include:

- a) Greyhound Adoption Program SA
P: 8246 6080
E: gap@grsa.com.au
- b) Any other provider/trainer that demonstrates to the Dog and Cat Management Board that a behaviour program meets requirements under the 'Greyhound Behaviour Assessment Guideline'.

After successfully completing a Dog and Cat Management approved National Temperament Test you will be provided with a 'Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Safety Certificate' that:

- a) Includes the organisation/trainers contact information
- b) Is signed by the assessor who conducted the National Temperament Test.
- c) Includes the date that the assessment was conducted
- d) Identifies the dog, including the dogs name, age, markings and microchip
- e) Identifies the registered owner of the dog

An application for a muzzle exemption must be completed and submitted by the registered owner on the Greyhound Exemption Application Form (See attachment B). The Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Safety Certificate (See attachment C) must be attached to the application form. A photo of the greyhound wholly in focus, against a blank background, showing the dogs head, neck and green collar must be provided.

Once approved, the registered owner will be supplied with an Identification Card (See attachment D). Owners must ensure that the identification card is carried when the exempted greyhound is off the owners' property. It must also be produced upon request from a Dog Management Officer.

*Please note that after being granted a muzzle exemption you are obliged to notify the Dog and Cat Management Board if your greyhound:

- a) Attacks, chases or otherwise harasses a person or owned animal
- b) Endangers the health of a person or an animal or bird owned by or in the care of another person (whether or not actual injury occurs).

Things to consider now that you have adopted a greyhound

Keep in mind that your retired greyhound may not have been exposed to various stimuli that most dogs are used to dealing with on a daily basis. Such things may include:

● Toilet training:

Some greyhounds might not have been taught to not toilet inside the house. You may need to encourage them to do their business outside the house. During this period ensure that your greyhound is given every opportunity to succeed, if you have noticed that he/she hasn't gone to the toilet in several hours take him/her outside.

● Surfaces:

Your greyhound may have only been exposed to surfaces such as grass and concrete so the feeling of carpet, tiles, or leaves etc. under their feet may cause some to startle. Ensure you offer lots of encouragement to help your greyhound get used to these surfaces so that they are positive experience.

● Stairs:

Many greyhounds have not experienced stairs before so make sure you take it slowly with your greyhound and provide lots of praise and encouragement as they work out how to navigate steps and stairs

- **Sounds:**

The normal household sounds such as the vacuum, blender, TV or toilet flushing may startle your greyhound. Ensure that you make these unusual sounds positive for your dog so they start to associate them with nice things rather than becoming frightened.

- **Socialisation:**

Some greyhounds may have had limited exposure to various types of people and animals so make sure you are exposing your greyhound to as many new things as possible. Ensure they meet a range of people, including children, elderly people, different races, genders and heights. Items such as hats, sunglasses and large coats may also be something your greyhound hasn't experienced before.

When exposing your greyhound to new animals exercise caution, if you are not aware of how they may react. It would be a good idea to have them on lead and muzzled as a precaution

- **Exercise:**

Although greyhounds have an athletic build they are not endurance runners and prefer short distances, so they do not need as much exercise as you might think! A 15-20 minute walk once or twice a day should suffice and keep them content, however, if your greyhound is younger or more active a 20-30 minute walk may be preferable.

- **Extreme weather:**

Greyhounds have quite thin skin and a low fat content so they are quite susceptible to cold/hot temperatures. In winter ensure that you have a high quality coat/jumper for them and plenty of bedding to ensure they don't get cold. In summer try and keep them cool by providing plenty of water, shade and even a clam shell pool full of water to lounge about in.

Attachments

- Attachment A: Form to update microchip details
- Attachment B: Greyhound Exemption Application Form
- Attachment C: Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Safety Certificate
- Attachment D: Identification card



C.A.R. Microchip Form Subscription ONLY

Central Animal Records (Aust) Pty Ltd
 22 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough VIC 3173
 Phone 03) 9706 3187 Facsimile 03) 9706 3198
 Email: info@car.com.au Website: www.car.com.au

It is vital that all information on this form is completed.
 You will receive documentation from the Registry once details have been entered.
 The information provided on this form is used to ensure that the animal can be quickly returned to its owner.

PLEASE FAX TO 03 9706 3198 or POST TO THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE

OWNER DETAILS

Name Title Surname Given Name

Residential Address Suburb Post Code

Phone Home Work Mobile

Email Local Council Area

Primary Address Where Animal Is Kept (if different to residential Address)

..... Post Code

Local Council Area

Postal Address (if different to Residential Address) Post Code

Alternate Contact Person (a person not living with you who can be contacted on your behalf if you are unobtainable)

Name Phone

ANIMAL DETAILS

Implant Date / /

Animal Name

WRITE MICROCHIP NUMBER HERE

CAR Tag Number ID Number of Other Permanent Id Device Implanted (if applicable)

If this animal was microchipped outside Australia, please provide country

Date Of Birth / / (or estimate in years/months)

Sex Male Female Desexed Yes No Age at Desexing

Species Dog Cat Other Please Specify Produced a Litter Yes No

Breed Colour

LIFETIME Subscription Applies Dangerous Dog Menacing Dog Restricted Breed

SCANNING INFORMATION (to be signed once animal scanned and microchip number verified) Note: Scanning fees may apply

Scanning Veterinarian Name Telephone

Clinic Name

Address Suburb Post Code

I acknowledge that the information contained is correct and the owner has been advised of the Privacy Statement (see below)

Scanning Veterinarian Signature Authorisation Number

Important Notice to Owner: PRIVACY STATEMENT - This information is strictly confidential and only information necessary to enable the return of your missing pet or to assist Council pet registrations, will be supplied to authorised scanning centres, except where Central Animal Records is required by law to produce any of the information. Statistical information may be supplied to other parties for purposes associated with animal welfare and/or management of domestic animals. In such circumstances Central Animal Records will provide the information only on assurance that the information will not be used for commercial purposes.
 I have read, understand and accept these conditions of data use, and have sought and obtained permission from the alternative contact to provide their contact details.
 The information provided on this form is true and correct and the person named as the owner is the legal owner of the animal and I authorise payment to be made by the method below.
 (Please note that in some States of Australia, a person under the age of 17 or 18 cannot be deemed the legal owner of a pet & therefore cannot sign a Declaration)

SIGNATURE (Owner / Agent for Owner) **DATE**

* Pay VETERINARIAN or SCANNING CENTRE for scanning and Subscription OR * Pay DIRECT * tick chosen option

PAYMENT DETAILS: AUD * \$9.95 or * \$16.60 per animal for the lifetime subscription to Central Animal Records, made payable by:
 Credit Card, Cheque or Money Order to: Central Animal Records, 22 Fiveways Boulevard, Keysborough VIC AUSTRALIA 3173

Credit Card Details: VISA M/Card (Please Note—Australia Post charges apply for Money Orders)

Credit Card number: / / / CW: Expiry Date: /

Name On Card:

* BASIC Service - \$9.95 Provides lifetime subscription & an Identification Acknowledgment, with NO external tag

* STANDARD Service - \$16.60 Provides lifetime subscription & full A4 sized Certificate of ID, numbered external tag, & authorized internet access to view & update your own pet's microchip record.



Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Application

Applicant's Name

Address

Postcode

Contact Details

(p) (m) (e)

What is the best way to contact you in relation to this application?

Greyhound Description

Greyhounds Name:

Registration no. Council

Microchip Ear tattoo (M) present Yes No

Sex Age (years) (months)

Colour Markings

Greyhound Adoption Program SA Green Collar Number (if applicable)

I request that the above identified greyhound is exempted from Section 45(1) (a) of the Dog and Cat Management Act 1995. I will provide the following in support of my application:

Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Safety Certificate (required)

Profile photo* of the greyhound (required)

Signed Date

Address all correspondence to:

The Board Secretary
Dog and Cat Management Board
P O Box 1047
ADELAIDE SA 5001

Official use only
Application granted
Yes / No

*electronic images can be sent to dcmb@sa.gov.a



Greyhound Muzzle Exemption Safety Certificate

Approved Organisation/Trainer: _____

(p) _____ (m) _____ (e) _____

Greyhound Details

Registered Owner _____

Dog age _____ (years) _____ (month) Markings _____

Microchip # _____ Registration # _____

Date Assessment conducted ____ / ____ / ____ Location _____
(Assessment is not to be conducted in a kennel facility)

I recommend to the Dog and Cat Management Board that the above greyhound is exempted from Section 45C (1) (a) of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995*.

I confirm that the greyhound has passed the following assessment and has no prior history that is of concern, and will be homed in a suitable environment.

Assessment

1. Small dog test (suitable for eliciting a predator response)
2. Cat test
3. Social interaction
4. Handling – stroke, pinch, stare test
5. Safe hug test
6. Food aggression

Trainer / Assessor Comments

Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Registered Owner Declaration

I _____ (registered owner's name) confirm that the above information in relation to _____ (greyhound's name) is correct and I understand that the greyhound must continue to wear a muzzle while not effectively confined to a property where I am the occupier until I receive a letter from the Dog and Cat Management Board stating that the exemption to Section 45(1) (a) of the *Dog and Cat Management Act 1995* has been approved.

Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____



Government of South Australia
Dog and Cat Management Board

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Signed _____ Date ____ / ____ / ____

Exemption Identification

 <p>Greyhound Name</p> <p>Green Collar # ***</p>	<p>Registered Owner: Name</p> <p>Authorised By: Mr Andrew Lamb Board Secretary Dog and Cat Management Board</p> <p>Date of issue: dd/mm/yyyy</p>	 <p>Government of South Australia Dog and Cat Management Board</p> <p>An Exemption pursuant to section 45E (1) of the <i>Dog and Cat Management Act 1995</i> has been granted to the holder of this card.</p> <p>The dog depicted on this card can be un-muzzled whilst in public places but MUST remain under effective control by a leash not exceeding 2 metres in length.</p> <p>If this card is found, please hand into a police station, or post to: Dog and Cat Management Board, GPO Box 1047, Adelaide, SA, 5001</p>
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