

Important Information for Breeders

New Breeding Rules come into effect 1st July 2015

Registration of a Litter

As part of the National Greyhound Welfare Strategy, a number of new rules relating to vaccinations are set to commence 1st July 2015. These rules are aimed at improving the health and welfare of our greyhound puppies prior to them being reared thus ensuring that they are fully immunised and their vaccinations are and have had time to be fully protective.

If you have puppies requiring vaccinations on or after 1st July, you will need to be aware of the new rules relating to the additional requirements for puppy vaccination.

Compulsory vaccinations of puppies now comprises two different vaccinations in two different age groups, and the puppies cannot be moved until 14 days has elapsed after the 10-16 week vaccination.

The first vaccination **must occur** between the ages of six (6) and eight (8) weeks and as a minimum it must provide protection against parvo virus infection, hepatitis, and canine distemper identified as a C3.

GAR 137 (1) (b) For pups whelped on or after 1st July 2015 a certificate of vaccination against parvo virus infection, hepatitis, canine distemper(C3) issued by a veterinary surgeon identifying the greyhound by reference to its sex and colour, that indicates that such vaccination was performed upon the greyhound at least between six (6) and eight (8) weeks.

Between the ages of ten (10) and sixteen (16) weeks, a C5 vaccination **will be required**. The C5 vaccination gives protection from parvo virus infection, hepatitis, canine distemper, parainfluenza virus and bordatella bronchiseptica.

GAR 137 (1) (c) A certificate of vaccination against parvo virus infection, hepatitis, canine distemper, parainfluenza virus and bordatella bronchiseptica (C5) issued by a veterinary surgeon identifying the greyhound by reference to its sex and colour, ear branding, and/or microchip identifications, that indicates that such vaccination was performed upon the greyhound at between ten (10) and sixteen (16) weeks.

Another change that participants need to be aware of is that puppies cannot be moved until microchipped, earbranded and until at least 14 days has elapsed after the 10-16 week vaccination. This is to ensure that the puppies are fully protected prior to being moved.

GAR 136 (3) Except with the prior consent of the Controlling Body, a litter of pups shall not be divided or relocated from the address of whelping until such time as they have been ear branded, microchipped and vaccinated in accordance with these Rules, and further until a period of 14 days has elapsed from the date of the last vaccination pursuant to Rule 137(1) (c) (i) and (ii).

If you have any question in relation to your vaccination requirements for your puppies please contact your state controlling body.

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Breeding Restrictions

As part of the National Greyhound Welfare Strategy, a number of new rules relating to breeding are set to commence 1st July 2015. These rules are aimed at improving the health and welfare of our breeding females, and to minimise the number of greyhounds puppies bred that may not be suitable for racing.

If you have a female greyhound you plan to breed, you will need to be aware of the new restrictions that will apply to her from 1st July.

Age Restriction

As soon as your female greyhound turns eight years of age, her registration as a Breeding Female will become 'Inactive' and you will not be able to breed her again unless the criteria in rule GAR 127 (10) are met.

GAR 127 (10) The owner of a breeding female, or the person with authority to breed that female, shall not cause her to be mated if that breeding female is over eight (8) years of age without prior veterinary certification of appropriate health and fitness, and the approval of the Controlling Body in writing. The Controlling Body approval granted under this sub-rule will be to allow one (1) service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination. The veterinary certification must be obtained within 120 days prior to the date of the service.

3 Litter Maximum

Once your female whelps her third litter (regardless of who bred each litter), her Breeding Female status will become 'Inactive' and she will not be able to be bred again unless the criteria in rule GAR 127 (11) are met.

GAR 127 (11) A breeding female cannot be used for breeding more than three (3) litters without prior veterinary certification of appropriate health and fitness for further litters, and the approval of the Controlling Body in writing. The Controlling Body approval granted under this sub-rule will be to allow one (1) additional service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination. The veterinary certification must be obtained within 120 days prior to the date of the additional service.

Litter Frequency

If your female whelps two litters close together (i.e. bred at two consecutive seasons) her Breeding Female status will fall 'Inactive' to ensure that she cannot be served again where the result would breach this rule. If she is a 'six-month' cyler, this will mean she will be forced to rest one season before being mated again, allowing her body time to recover, and allowing her pups to reach an age where their ability can be assessed.

GAR 127 (12) The owner of a breeding female, or the person with authority to breed that female, shall not cause her to whelp more than two (2) litters in any 18 month period.

If you have any questions in relation to your greyhound's eligibility for breeding, please contact your state controlling body.

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Registration as a 'Breeding Female'

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GAR 127 (6) A bitch shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered as a 'breeding female'.

If you have any female greyhounds that you plan to breed after the 1st of July, it is important you understand what you will have to do to ensure they are eligible to be served when they are next on season.

New Breeding Stock

To register your greyhound for breeding you will need to apply to your Controlling Body. Once approved, you will be issued with a pink coloured ID card for that greyhound.

To qualify for registration as a Breeding Female, you will need to:

- have your greyhound DNA fingerprinted – kits are available through Greyhounds Australasia
- provide a vaccination certificate showing that your greyhound has been vaccinated to C5 level and that the vaccination is current – i.e. that the date for the next booster vaccination has not passed.
- Apply to your state controlling body - Applications will either be online or via a standard form, and you may be required to pay a fee.

Existing Breeding Stock

Even if your greyhound has had one or more litters, **you will still need to apply to register her as a 'breeding female'**. As she will already have a DNA certificate, application only requires that you:

- provide a vaccination certificate showing that your greyhound has been vaccinated to C5 level and that the vaccination is current – i.e. that the date for the next booster vaccination has not passed.

Once approved, you will be issued with a pink coloured ID card for that greyhound.

Applications for existing breeding stock are FEE FREE!!

Please Note: Ongoing registration as a Breeding Female will require you to maintain current vaccination status – details of booster vaccinations will need to be provided each year or she will not be eligible for breeding.