

TRACK INJURY SURGERY REBATE SCHEME

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Policy Background

Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) is committed to ensuring that instances of euthanasia resulting from severe race meeting injuries is minimised. As such, a framework to enable financial contribution to the repair and rehabilitation of these injuries has been established, the particulars of which are outlined in the following policy.

The Policy

GRSA will commit to a financial contribution to participants for the cost of surgery for injuries that:

- (a) occur in the course of a normal race meeting
- (b) are defined under the attached schedule of eligible injuries, or
- (c) are considered by the oncourse veterinarian severe enough to warrant surgery and subsequent financial assistance from GRSA

Following surgery and an appropriate rehabilitation period, if the owner of the greyhound does not wish to continue racing or keep that greyhound as a pet, it will be granted priority entry into the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP).

Application of the Policy

Incident Assessment

Following a significant racing injury to a greyhound, the on-track veterinarian, in consultation with the Steward in charge of the meeting and a representative of the greyhound (owner/trainer), will determine the likely outcomes as a result of veterinary intervention and the prospects for recovery

Greyhound Assessment

The participant will be responsible for advising on the suitability of the greyhound for rehoming, based on the potential to pass the GAP testing process. If the greyhound is deemed unsuitable for rehoming, the Steward in charge of the meeting will determine the best course of action.

Post Assessment

The on-track veterinarian will provide the appropriate veterinary care to ensure the wellbeing of the greyhound prior to the scheduling of surgery, which could require stabilisation of the injury overnight. Direction will be provided by the on-track veterinarian as to the most suitable care required for the greyhound prior to surgery.

Post Surgery

Following surgery, the owner will be responsible for a minimum period of care for the recovering greyhound prior to it being afforded priority entry into GAP. It is expected that this period would be a minimum of four (4) weeks, subject to the nature of the injury, or any other such rehabilitation period as directed by the veterinarian performing the surgery.

Financial Contribution

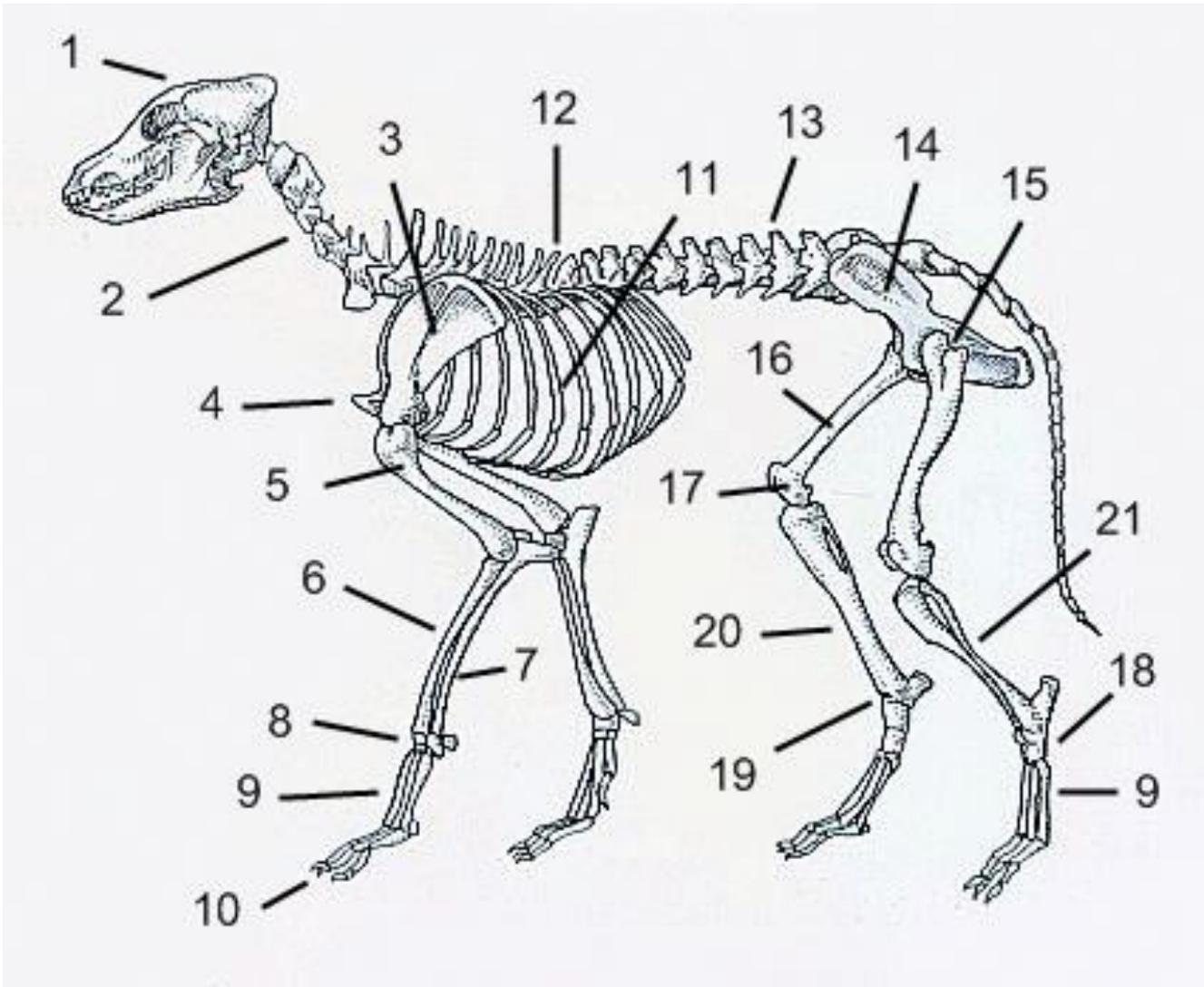
GRSA will refund 80% of surgery costs and reasonable associated costs (e.g. bandaging, prescribed medication), up to \$1,200 plus GST per incident. Following completion of the surgery and subject to evidence of payment, participants can apply for reimbursement of costs using the official GRSA form within the set timeframes.

Recommended Veterinary Clinics

Whilst GRSA does not maintain a requirement for greyhounds to attend a specific veterinary clinic, it does recommend surgery is undertaken by a veterinarian familiar with the greyhound breed. As such, the on-track veterinarian and the Steward in charge of the meeting can provide advice to participants on which veterinary clinics are most suitable.

Rights of Appeal

If an injury to a greyhound is deemed not to be covered under this policy, participants have the right to appeal that decision. The appeal will be heard before GRSA's Chief Executive Officer and an independent consultant with veterinary experience.



Injuries Covered by Rebate
5 - Humerus
6 - Radius
7 - Ulna
9 - Metacarpus/Metatarsus (Multiple)
16 - Femur (Thigh Bone)
18/19 - Hocks
20 - Tibia

Injuries NOT Covered by Rebate
1 - Cranium
2 - Vertebrae (Cervical)
3 - Scapula
4 - Sternum (Breast Bone)
8 - Carpus
9 - Metacarpus/Metatarsus (Single)
10 - Phalanges (Toes)
11 - Thorax (Ribcage)
12 - Thoracic Vertebrae
13 - Lumbar Vertebrae
14 - Pelvis
17 - Patella (Knee Cap)
21 - Fibula
Tendon Injuries
Ligament Injuries
Muscle Injuries
Lacerations