



INFORMATION SHEET – HOT WEATHER TRANSPORT

Sunday, 18 December 2016

Hot Weather Transport - what does it mean to me?

GRV Transportation of Greyhounds Policy requires greyhounds to be transported in air-conditioned vehicles and/or trailers if at any point along the intended route the forecasted maximum temperature is 32°C or higher (“heat affected journey”).

The policy applies to any transportation of greyhounds, not just transportation to race meetings or on race days.

GRV has put in place transitional arrangements for a period of three months (12 December 2016 – 12 March 2017) to provide additional time for participants to undertake works to their greyhound transportation to comply with the new requirements for air-conditioning for heat affected journeys.

A heat affected journey is where the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) states that the forecasted maximum temperature will be 32°C or more at any point along the intended route.

This information sheet will assist participants in clarifying many concerns that have been raised considering the release of the policy and transition period.

From 12 December 2016 – 12 March 2017

1. If you plan to travel a heat affected journey and you do not have an air-conditioned greyhound transportation, you must make reasonable efforts to try and find suitable air conditioned transport.
2. If you cannot source air-conditioned transportation, you may travel in transportation:
 - o that has been fitted with a properly installed and functioning power-assisted ventilation system. That ventilation system must be operating throughout the entire journey.
 - o that has been fitted with a thermometer. The thermometer must be fitted on the inside of the trailer.
 - o where the internal temperature of the transporter is less than 32 °C at all times when a greyhound is inside the transport.
3. If you transport the greyhound with the power assisted ventilation rather than an air-conditioning, you must keep a log book during your journey. You must check the temperature at the beginning of the journey and at every stop, including the destination, and record that temperature in the logbook.
4. All the other requirements in the Transportation Policy apply, including the need to stop at least every two hours in the journey and not leaving the greyhounds unattended in a stationary vehicle for more than 5 minutes.

INFORMATION SHEET – HOT WEATHER TRANSPORT

Sunday, 18 December 2016

Frequently Asked Questions

Why is the policy being implemented?

It's essential for greyhound welfare that during travel, greyhounds are transported in vehicles and trailers where the internal temperature is kept between 10°C and 32°C.

When greyhounds are transported in vehicles where the environmental temperature is forecasted to be over 32°C (heat affected journey), participants will require additional transport requirements.

What are the additional requirements?

From today until 12 March 2017, the requirements are (if you don't have or cannot get access to air-conditioned transport):

- 1) A power assisted ventilation system that functions during the entire journey
- 2) A functioning thermometer fitted to the inside of the trailer
- 3) You must stop at least every two hours in the journey to check the greyhounds
- 4) Maintain a logbook where you record the temperature
 - a. At the start of the journey
 - b. Where the travel time is more than 2 hours, when you break for the mandatory rest stops
 - c. On arrival at destination
- 5) That the log book be presented to a Steward or Welfare Inspector on request

What is 'power-assisted ventilation system'?

Power assisted ventilation systems are a mechanical system that uses power (usually battery or 12-volt electricity) to provide a continuous flow of fresh air to the greyhounds from outside of the vehicle. Examples of power assisted ventilation systems include 12-volt or solar-powered fans. Power assisted ventilation systems are generally available at trailer shops, retailers that specialise in electronics or car fit outs, and large hardware chain stores.

INFORMATION SHEET – HOT WEATHER TRANSPORT

Sunday, 18 December 2016

Why does it have to be power assisted? Isn't a ventilation system (rotary vent, roof ventilation, popup air vent) enough?

Power assisted ventilation systems ensures the continual flow of air around the greyhound, whereas vents do not always where vehicles are travelling very slowly, remain stopped in traffic or where an emergency has led to the vehicle becoming unmovable.

What happens after 12 March 2017?

From 13 March 2017, on declared heat affected journeys, you will be required to transport greyhounds in air-conditioned vehicles as per the policy.

What happens if the race is on a hot weather affected day and I don't have access to an air-conditioned transport?

If you are unable to transport your greyhound(s) in an air-conditioned vehicle, we'd recommend scratching them in the best interests of their welfare and your compliance with GRV policy. If your car or van is air-conditioned but the trailer is not air-conditioned, you can still transport and race those that can be transported in the car or van, and scratch those that would have been transported in the trailer. The current policy allows participants, on hot weather affected days, to scratch some or all of your greyhounds with no penalty.