

# Tracking greyhounds – the requirements to register properties and notify GRV about the location and activities of greyhounds

This fact sheet explains the new requirements to notify Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) about the location and activities of GRV greyhounds under Local Rules [insert rule numbers] of the *Greyhound Racing Victoria New Local Racing Rules*.

## THE CHANGE

GRV recognises the importance of tracking a greyhound throughout its entire lifecycle. With this in mind, it has introduced requirements to register the properties at which greyhounds are kept and ensure that GRV is informed about the location of each greyhound and the activity it is performing at any given time. This will help GRV to ensure the welfare of greyhounds and strengthen the governance and integrity of the greyhound racing industry in Victoria.

## WHAT THE CHANGE MEANS

There are new requirements for:

- properties to be registered with GRV;
- greyhounds to be kept only at registered properties; and
- Owners and the registered persons in control of greyhounds to notify GRV of any changes to who has control of the greyhound, the property at which the greyhound is located and the activity it is carrying out.

These requirements apply to greyhounds throughout their involvement in greyhound racing in Victoria.

## ***The requirement to register Greyhound Training Properties***

### ***What properties must be registered?***

A property at which a greyhound is kept for a greyhound racing activity must be registered. The greyhound racing activities are breeding, whelping, rearing, educating and training.

These properties are called 'Greyhound Training Properties'. The property must be registered even if it is not used for training, if it is used to keep a greyhound for another activity.

### ***Who should register a property with GRV?***

A person with control of the Greyhound Training Property should hold the property registration. In many cases this will be the registered owner of the property, who will also hold registration with GRV. In other instances, the applicant may lease the property and have permission to use it for greyhound racing activities.

### ***Do I have to be a registered person with GRV to register a Greyhound Training Property?***

No. You do not need to be a registered person with GRV in order to hold registration of a property. The critical test is whether you control the property.

### ***What if I don't hold registration of a property?***

All registered persons with GRV do not need to have a property registered in their name.

However, each registered person (with the exception of Owners) will need to nominate the registered Greyhound Training Property at which they are carrying out their greyhound racing activity. This allows GRV to understand who is operating at which property and which greyhounds are located at which property.

Owners can nominate a registered property, but it is not necessary. GRV understands that in some cases owners will not be caring for their greyhounds at any stage, and not have an appropriate property to do so (i.e. they may live in an apartment in the city).

### ***How do I register a Greyhound Training Property?***

You can request registration of a Greyhound Training Property via [ ## FastTrack / lodgement of online forms ## ].

If you are unable to access the form electronically, please contact GRV on [ ## insert number ## ].

### ***When do the Greyhound Training Property registration requirements start to apply?***

The new notification requirements will take effect on [ ## insert date ## ].

For existing registered participants, the first step will be for GRV to contact registered participants to ask them to confirm the greyhounds for which they have control and the details of the property(ies) at which they are keeping those greyhounds.

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## ***Notification requirements – movement and activities of greyhounds***

### ***What are the notification requirements?***

The new notification requirements apply to changes in the registered person who has control of a greyhound, the location of a greyhound and the activity a greyhound is carrying out. They supplement the existing requirements to inform GRV about service and whelping, and changes to address and kennel location.

There are now notification requirements in relation to the whole life cycle of a greyhound, from birth to retirement from greyhound racing.

They include:

- when (or soon after) and where a greyhound is born;
- when a greyhound comes into the control of a registered person;
- when a greyhound leaves the control of a registered person
- when a greyhound moves location, from one registered Greyhound Training Property to another registered Greyhound Training Property
- when a greyhound changes the activity it is carrying out. The activities of a greyhound are breeding, rearing, whelping, educating and training (during which time a greyhound can race in events).
- when a greyhound retires from greyhound racing, either because it is re-homed, is a GAP greyhound, is exported, or dies, from whatever cause, including euthanasia.

The table **below** sets out who is responsible for notifying GRV of changes for different types of events (following the registration of a litter).

The notification requirements are set out in Local Rules. The Local Rules can be accessed [ ## [https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/rules-of-racing/ ##](https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/rules-of-racing/##) ].

### ***What if there are multiple changes at the same time, do I have to notify GRV more than once?***

Often two or even three notification events will take place at the same time. For example, when greyhound moves on from the education stage to the training stage, it will change activities (from educating to training) and may also move to the control of a new registered person (from a Greyhound Educator to a Trainer) and move location to a new registered Greyhound Training Property.

GRV must be notified of each change, but they can be completed on the one notification form.

### ***Who must notify GRV?***

Both the Owner of the greyhound AND the person in control of the greyhound must notify GRV about changes to the registered person who has control of a greyhound, the location of a greyhound and what activity it is carrying out.

Owners must also continue to notify GRV when a greyhound retires or dies.

***Who is the registered person in control of a greyhound?***

The registered person in control of a greyhound will change throughout the animal's life cycle.

It will commonly be, at the different stages of a greyhound's development:

- a Whelper
- a Rearer
- a Greyhound Educator
- a Trainer

For example, when a greyhound is born, the registered person with control of the greyhound will be the Whelper. The Whelper will have control of the greyhound until it is moved on to another registered person, usually a Rearer.

When the greyhound leaves the Whelper's control and comes into the Rearer's control, both the Whelper and Rearer must notify GRV. The Owner of the greyhound must also notify GRV of the change.

The registered person with control could be an Owner if the greyhound is spelling or is in the process of being re-homed.

***What about when a greyhound moves into Victoria from elsewhere in Australia, or moves out of Victoria to elsewhere in Australia?***

The notification requirements are the same.

If a greyhound moves into Victoria from elsewhere in Australia, the registered person who takes control of the greyhound and the Owner of the greyhound must notify GRV who has control of the greyhound, the registered Greyhound Training Property where it is being kept and the activity it is carrying out.

If a greyhound moves out of Victoria to elsewhere in Australia, the registered person and the Owner must notify GRV that it has left the person's control and moved location.

***What are the Owner's obligations to notify GRV?***

Owners must notify GRV of changes to the registered person in control of the greyhound, the location of the greyhound and the activities the greyhound is carrying out. This aligns with an Owner's responsibility for the welfare of the greyhound throughout its life.

Owners also continue to have an obligation to notify GRV of the retirement or death of a greyhound.

***What about transfer of ownership?***

The notification requirements are separate from the requirements about the transfer of ownership of greyhounds – they continue to apply in the same way.

***When do I need to notify GRV?***

The new notification requirements for changes in the registered person, location and activity must all be completed within ten (10) working days of the change.

Notification can also be made in advance – for example, a Greyhound Educator who is educating a greyhound at their property could notify GRV that a greyhound will be moving to a Trainer's control, and a new registered property and activity, on a specified date in the future.

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## SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

The table summarises the different events for which registered persons must notify GRV following the registration of a litter - including **who** must notify, **what** they must notify about and the **timeframe** within which they must notify GRV.

GRV can be notified of more than one event at the same time, as set out in the [ ## forms / on FastTrack ## ].

What – event	Who must notify GRV	Notification of ...	When – notification must be made ...
change to the registered person in control of the greyhound	the registered persons(s) AND the owner	when a greyhound comes into the control of a registered person AND/OR when a greyhound leaves the control of a registered person	within 10 working days
the greyhound moves location from one registered Greyhound Training Property to another registered Greyhound Training Property	the registered person who has control of the greyhound AND the owner	change to the location of the greyhound	within 10 working days
where the greyhound changes activity The activities of a greyhound are breeding, whelping, rearing, educating and training.	the registered person who has control of the greyhound AND the Owner	change of activity of the greyhound	within 10 working days
change to the residential address of a registered person	the registered person	change of residential address	within 3 working days
greyhound is retired from racing – retired as a pet, a breeding greyhound, a GAP greyhound	Owner of the greyhound	greyhound's retirement	within 10 working days
when a greyhound dies (whether from natural causes, euthanasia or otherwise)	Owner of the greyhound	greyhound's death	within 2 working days

\*Notification is also required for transfer of ownership of greyhounds (see GAR 117, 118 and LR 42.4).

### ***What about short-term or temporary changes, do I have to notify GRV?***

The requirements to notify GRV of changes will not usually apply to temporary, short term arrangements.

Whether notification is required will depend on the individual circumstances, however the examples below provide general guidance.

- You ***are required*** to notify GRV if:
  - you move your greyhound to another registered Greyhound Training property for three weeks while it is rearing, so it is exposed to a different environment. The property would also be required to be registered with GRV
  - you leave your greyhound in the control of another registered person for two months while you are on holiday
- You ***are not required*** to notify GRV if:
  - you take your greyhound to a track for it to race
  - you leave your greyhound at the vet for a check-up or other procedure, including artificial insemination
  - you leave your greyhound at another person's property while you attend to a personal matter for a few hours
  - you leave your greyhound in the control of another registered person at your property while you are away for the weekend

### ***When do the notification requirements start to apply?***

The new notification requirements will take effect on [ ## insert date ## ].

For existing registered persons, the first step will be for GRV to contact registered persons to ask them to confirm the greyhounds for which they have control and the details of the property(ies) at which they are keeping those greyhounds.

### ***How do I notify GRV?***

Notification will be completed via [ ## FastTrack / lodgement of online forms – online forms may be accessed here, insert link ## ]

If you are unable to access the form electronically, please contact GRV on [ ## insert number ## ].