



DE-SEXING FACT SHEET

De-sexing your greyhound on retirement is an important step in the re-homing process and GRV highly recommends that your greyhound is de-sexed as soon as possible after the decision to retire has been made.



BENEFITS OF DE-SEXING

De-sexing your greyhound on retirement increases the greyhound's chance of being re-homed. While some local councils have mandatory de-sexing orders in place, which mean the greyhound cannot be registered until it is de-sexed, other local councils charge significantly more to register.

In addition, there is evidence de-sexing can reduce a greyhound's tendency to show undesirable behaviours; such as, being overly boisterous and low-level aggression towards other dogs.

De-sexing also has important health benefits including reducing the risk of developing some reproductive cancers, and in male dogs, prostate issues.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH RE-HOMING ENTIRE GREYHOUNDS

Entire greyhounds re-homed into the community present a risk to the sustainability of the greyhound racing sport; unregulated breeding could negatively impact on the availability of pet homes due to overpopulation.

In addition, there is a risk of unscrupulous persons using entire greyhounds to breed with other dog breeds (such as Staghounds, Bull Arabs and American Staffordshire Terriers) for hunting purposes. This could negatively impact on the public perception of the greyhound as a breed and the desirability of greyhounds as pets.

Because entire greyhounds are more likely to present undesirable behaviours, this may impact on the perception of the greyhound as a suitable pet.

To help to preserve the reputation of greyhounds as great pets and ensure the sustainability of the greyhound racing sport, please ensure you de-sex your greyhound before re-homing.



- Talk to your veterinarian about de-sexing as soon as you decide to retire and re-home your greyhound.
- In early 2019 GRV will be releasing a list of veterinary clinics willing to provide discounts for de-sexing of greyhounds for registered participants.