

PROTOCOL FOR DETERMINING THE SUITABILITY OF BREEDING GREYHOUNDS TO CONTINUE BREEDING WITHIN MY ESTABLISHMENT



Heritable defects

1. If I'm notified that a greyhound has been diagnosed by a veterinary practitioner as having a heritable defect specified within the Code and related legislation (which as at the current date are Von Willebrand's Disease, Progressive Retinal Atrophy, Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis, Collie Eye Anamoly and Hereditary Cataract) then I will stop breeding from that greyhound's parents until Code requirements (including testing) have been met.
2. If any offspring have the heritable defect, then I will develop a sale or euthanasia plan in conjunction with a veterinary practitioner. All details about the heritable defect and likely outcomes for the greyhounds will be fully disclosed to their GRV registered owners and any prospective purchasers.
3. Any greyhounds on my establishment who carry recessive genes for any heritable defect set out in the Code will not be bred together.

Breeding determination

4. I will develop a breeding plan that will include a breeding assessment and suitability checklist, before commencing breeding activity. This plan will include sufficient information to ensure that I am fully aware of the breeding history of the greyhound and whether they have any heritable defects.
5. I will ensure that my greyhound meets minimum age requirements (including GRV requirements), has up to date vaccinations, and has been registered to breed.

Breeding with a male greyhound

6. When breeding with male greyhounds, I will ensure that they will have a general health check by a veterinary practitioner prior to first service to determine whether they are suitable for breeding purposes.

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Breeding with a female greyhound

7. When breeding with female greyhounds, I will ensure that they have a general health check by a veterinary practitioner prior to first service to assess whether the greyhound is physically mature enough to breed, and within 8 weeks of whelping.
8. If a female has had previous litters, I will ensure that the third litter will not be born within 18 months of the first litter.
9. If a female has had 3 litters already, I will apply for a pink card exemption from GRV.
10. If female is over 8 years of age, I will apply for a pink card exemption from GRV
11. No female greyhound under my care will have no more than three litters in her lifetime unless approved by a veterinary practitioner and GRV to breed beyond three litters to a maximum of five litters.