

# RESPONSE TO AN OUTBREAK OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE AT THE ESTABLISHMENT

If I suspect that a greyhound, or greyhounds, at my establishment have an infectious disease, I will:

1. Immediately contact my vet for assistance and guidance
2. For a suspected infectious skin or airborne disease, isolate the greyhound in the isolation housing area of my establishment (or other designated area),
3. Quarantine greyhounds in neighbouring kennels to prevent the spread of disease,
4. Prevent unnecessary contact between the greyhound and my staff to prevent possible exposure to more greyhounds or other animals at my establishment,
5. Install a sign at the front of the establishment stating that the property is temporarily closed for visitors,
6. After consultation with my vet, and if it's regarded as a serious outbreak, lock down my establishment to only necessary staff, and
7. Enact my emergency plan that will include:
  - I. ensuring that I maintain at least 3 days' worth of food for all greyhounds
  - II. ensure kennel ID/pen cards are updated with appropriate information about the greyhounds within them so appropriate food, medication, handling and exercise can be given in my absence
  - III. contact my emergency contacts to inform them of the suspected event and take appropriate action.

# QUARANTINE AND MOVEMENT OF GREYHOUNDS, INCLUDING FOR NEW GREYHOUNDS INTRODUCED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT



1. Where a greyhound is suspected of having an infectious disease, they will be immediately transported to the establishment's veterinarian or a 24 hour emergency veterinary clinic for examination and will remain at the veterinary clinic until the diagnosis is confirmed and management options have been determined.
2. The establishment's veterinarian will be notified immediately to confirm the disease and for advice on how to treat animals (includes greyhounds and other animals housed at the facility).
3. All other movements of greyhounds and other animals in the establishment will be limited and all visitation from people outside the establishment will cease until the greyhound is cleared of infectious disease or the quarantine period ends.
4. Any other animals showing overt clinical signs of an infectious disease will be moved to the quarantine area (as above).
5. Greyhounds and other animals who are or have recently been in close proximity will also be moved to quarantine area.
6. All greyhounds and other 'at risk' animals will be managed in accordance with the veterinary instructions.
7. Greyhounds assessed as at risk of having or spreading the infectious disease must be scratched and not attend the trial or race.
8. All vehicles, facilities and equipment (kennels, bedding, bowls, toys, water bowls etc) will be thoroughly disinfected before being used for healthy animals/greyhounds and/or being taken off the property.

My process for managing euthanasia in an emergency situation is:

1. Contact the establishment's vet by phone on \_\_\_\_\_ and provide them with information about the emergency situation.
2. If my establishment vet cannot provide veterinary attention within a reasonable amount of time, then the person identified in in this Protocol may carry out that euthanasia in the manner approved by the vet.
3. If the establishment vet can't be contacted by phone or other means for advice, I will try and contact an alternative vet, and document the attempts I have made to do so.
4. If I am unable to contact a vet to provide veterinary attention within a reasonable amount of time a person identified in this plan will carry out that emergency euthanasia in accordance with this Protocol.

If a person, other than a vet, is required to perform an emergency euthanasia after the steps below have been completed, this activity will be completed by a person listed below ensuring that:

- it is performed in an area separated from other greyhounds and from public view
- the greyhound is handled and spoken to in a kind and calm manner (but a muzzle may have to be used)
- care is taken to minimise distress of the greyhound

### Use of firearm

The following people have a firearm licence and have been identified as competent to carry out emergency euthanasia by way of firearm, under the direction of the establishment's vet:

Name of person(s) authorised to carry out euthanasia by way of firearm:	
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