

PROTOCOL FOR PREPARING A GREYHOUND FOR RETIREMENT AND REHOMING

If I don't own the greyhound, before a decision is made to retire a greyhound, I will talk with the Owner to have the decision in writing and we will discuss the next steps.

Option 1:

I will use the Code of Practice 7 to 8 week preparation for retirement and rehoming protocol for my EHMP.

Option 2:

I will use a 3rd party that is responsible for preparing my greyhounds for rehoming and retirement.

I will take a copy of their Protocol and adopt it as mine and keep it in my EHMP

The person that I use for wind downing greyhounds prior to retirement is:

Name:

Member Number:

Address:

Mobile:

Landline:

Option 3:

I will ensure that the greyhound have no less than a 28day wind down period for greyhounds that are being prepared for retirement.

This wind down period will follow the activities listed below:

- The greyhound's:
 - o diet will be adjusted increase weight
 - o exercise regime will be slowly decreased
 - o housing will be adjusted to at least 15 sqm however they can sleep in smaller (3 to 9 sqm) kennels overnight.

Their daily regime will include:

- being acclimatised with different environmental landscapes such as visiting dog parks, visiting busy shopping
- being walked on a lead for at least 20mins per day
- being socialised with other dogs
- exposed daily to different surfaces and people in a non-training or racing setting
- being isolated for periods of time from other greyhounds and humans starting with 30 minutes and gradually increasing to three to four hours in duration.

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Other activities will include:

- gentle exercise daily in an area containing natural daylight
- exposure to people through handling and play activities
- exposure to different environmental stimuli, such as rope toys, squeaky toys, rubber toys, chew/food toys, bones etc
- exposure to different flooring surfaces, such as carpet, concrete, tiles, wood floors, bricks and stairs
- exposure to people in a non-training/racing setting, such as play time or professional obedience training
- travelling inside a car (properly secured) as opposed to in a dog trailer
- exposure to small dogs and other larger dogs, the greyhound should be muzzled, on leash and under the control of a responsible adult at all times. The interaction will be immediately ceased if the greyhound shows signs of predatory or aggressive behaviour including barking, lunging, growling, snapping and stalking.

If the greyhound is exhibiting prey drive, I will consult with my vet and existing material such as the [Responsible Pet Greyhound Ownership – Education Resource](#).

If I am not the Owner of a retiring greyhound, I will attempt to update the Owner on the progress of the retirement preparation process 4 weeks after retirement and around week 7.

I will inform the Owner if I think the greyhound is ready for rehoming or requires more time until rehoming.