

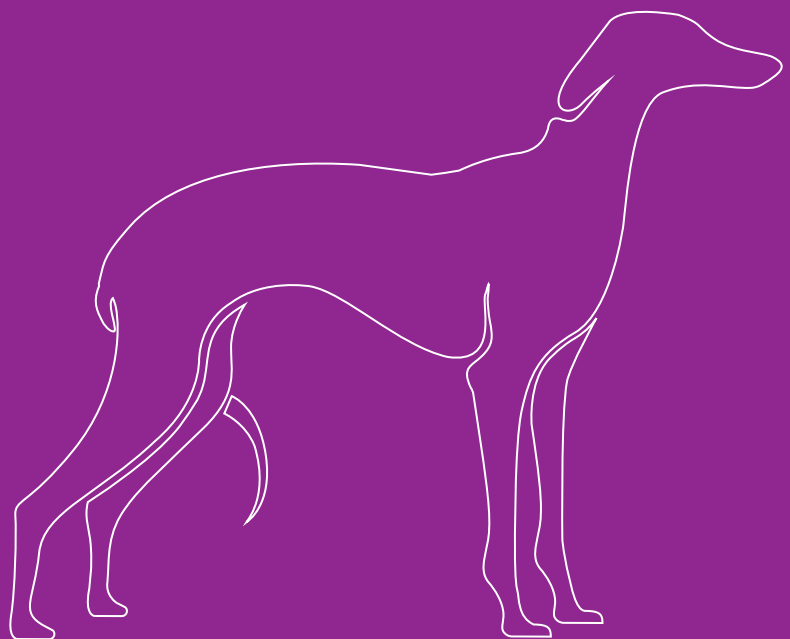
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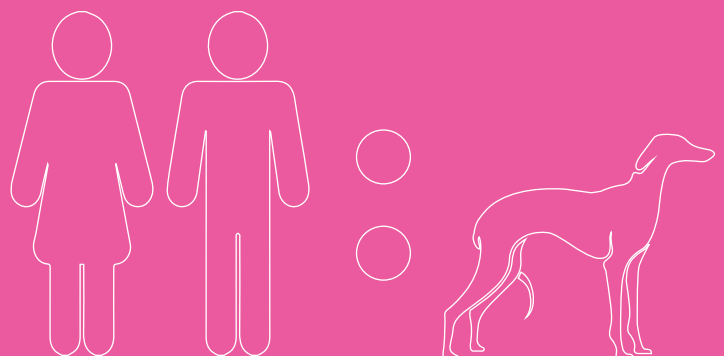
CODE OF PRACTICE

Support Booklet

PART 3: Preparing for retirement and rehoming



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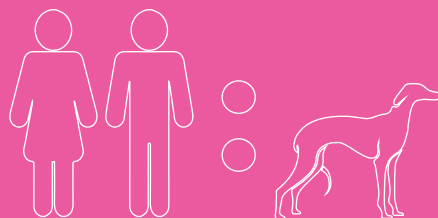


Preparing for retirement and rehoming

Need To Know



- The Code sets out a 7-8 week preparation for a rehoming process which you can use as your Protocol, or you can develop your own and include it in your EHMP. This is the responsibility of the Person in Charge to complete.
- Every greyhound owner needs to be satisfied about how their greyhound will be prepared for retirement, particularly when relying on another person to do this.
- If a greyhound doesn't complete a Code or approved EHMP preparation for retirement and rehoming program it can still be rehomed but must be accompanied by rehoming statements.
- Greyhounds must not be surrendered to a pound.





Preparing a greyhound for retirement or rehoming

What is it?

The GRV registered owner of a greyhound is responsible for ensuring their greyhound undergoes retirement and rehoming preparations once it has been deemed unsuitable for racing or breeding.

This means that the greyhound's owner will need to take steps to ensure that their greyhound has access to a retirement and rehoming program, and should ask the Person in Charge at the establishment to see their protocol.

The Code contemplates:

- completion of a retirement and rehoming preparation program as outlined in the Code (Section 6.5 set out a program of no less than 7 weeks); OR
- completion of retirement and rehoming preparation program at an establishment in the manner set out in an approved EHMP; OR
- rehoming a greyhound without a retirement and rehoming program but with specific statements and declarations being made and provided to the new owner and GRV.

Practical Tip: Developing a retirement and rehoming program

The Code's minimum exercise, socialisation and enrichment for greyhound table (page 27) is a useful guide for developing a program that can be implemented early in the greyhound's life to provide them with the best opportunity to be successfully rehomed after their racing career has finished.

Socialisation is about getting your greyhound use to life in a family. Life in a family involves interactions with a small or large number of people, dogs of all sizes, cats and other animals, loud noises and multiple noise sources. Exposing your greyhound to these experiences early in its life will assist your greyhound to relax and positively engage with the things they will encounter as a pet.

You can use GRV's [Rehoming Guide: Information for Participants](#) to assist you to developing your own program.



Retirement and rehoming of greyhounds without a rehoming program

What is it?

If a greyhound hasn't completed a preparation period or program (either as per the Code or an approved Protocol in an EHMP), the greyhound may still be rehomed if accompanied by a:

- Greyhound Adoption Declaration (acknowledgement that rehoming is occurring without a retirement and rehoming program)
- Rehoming Statement (outlining the housing, feeding and exercise regime of the greyhound for the previous three months)
- Desexing certificate (or agreement with the new owner to desex the greyhound)
- Transfer of Ownership Form (for microchip records)
- Responsible greyhound ownership literature
- Sale Guarantee (if necessary) and,
- The greyhound record

Copies must be given to the new owner.

Greyhounds must not be surrendered to a pound.

A summary of these requirements can be found in [Section 6.5.1 Retirement and rehoming of greyhounds: Rehoming without retirement and rehoming program](#)

NOTE: GRV is developing online functions to enable these documents to be electronically accessed and completed. We expect this functionality to be available from September 2019.

! What is required?

- Read Section [6.5 Preparing a greyhound for retirement or rehoming](#) of the Code to understand your obligations
- You can adopt the Code's preparing a greyhound for retirement or rehoming program or complete your Protocol.

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Retirement and rehoming of greyhounds without a rehoming program

Records to be kept:

- If Code requirements aren't adopted, you will need to keep a Preparing a greyhound for retirement and rehoming Protocol as part of your EHMP.

The EHMP Protocol

The Code provides a program for preparing a greyhound for retirement and rehoming. If you adopt this program, you will only need to reference that you will follow the Code's program in your EHMP.

If you want to change the Code program, you will need to develop your own Preparing a greyhound for retirement or rehoming Protocol.

An example Protocol can be found on the GRV Greyhound Care and Standards Code of Practice webpage.

Protocol for Preparing a greyhound for retirement and rehoming



Links for more information:

Greyhound Care and Standards: Rehoming

Animal Welfare Victoria: Responsible Pet Greyhound Ownership – Education Resource.

