

ESTABLISHMENT HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLAN (EHMP) SUMMARY PAGE

The following Protocols require Vet approval:

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- Overnight monitoring
- Preparing a greyhound for retirement and rehoming
- Euthanasia in emergency situations
- Response to an outbreak of infectious disease
- Assessment program for greyhounds being reared for sale
- Exercise, environmental enrichment and socialisation
- Vaccination program
- Internal and external parasite prevention
- Dental management
- Oral supplements
- Appropriate diet
- Intervention and stress management
- Breeding suitability (Optional)
- Whelping greyhound (Optional)
- Muzzling (Optional)

Person in Charge Declaration:

I declare that:

- I have completed all of the Protocols of the EHMP and that they are a true and accurate reflection of the activities carried out at my establishment.
- I will review my Protocols annually and have them approved by a vet every 3 years.

Name Signature

Establishment Address

Date Participant Number

Vet Approval Declaration:

I declare that:

- I am a veterinary practitioner registered under the *Veterinary Practice Act 1997 (Vic)*.
- I am not related by blood, marriage or de facto relationship to the Person in Charge (or family member of the Person in Charge) of the establishment.
- I do not have any commercial interest in the establishment.
- I have reviewed the content of the greyhound welfare protocols listed above and consider them to be acceptable.

Name Signature

Business Address

Date

Accept GRV Protocol 1

Accept GRV Protocol 2

Create own Protocol

Option 1

1. Note: Overnight means a continuous period outside of the hours of 5:00am to 8:00pm.
2. I will conduct overnight monitoring through CCTV which will be monitored by (insert person's name)
3. When a greyhound shows signs of whelping, is whelping, or is ill, at least one staff member will be on-site, including overnight, to administer the required care or treatment for the greyhound(s). An overnight roster will be developed one week prior to expected whelping date and provided to all staff by (insert email or message) and posted in the kennel block.
4. Any exercise, enrichment, socialisation, handling, feeding, cleaning and general care activities will be undertaken between 5:00am and 8:00pm (i.e. not overnight).
5. If emergency action is required overnight, I will contact my on-call vet or an appropriately qualified person for assistance.

Option 2

1. Note: Overnight means a continuous period outside of the hours of 5:00am to 8:00pm.
2. I will ensure that the Person in Charge or staff are available on-site for overnight monitoring if required.
3. When a greyhound shows signs of whelping, is whelping, or is ill, at least one staff member will be on-site, including overnight, to administer the required care or treatment for the greyhound(s). An overnight roster will be developed one week prior to expected whelping date and provided to all staff by (insert email or message) and posted in the kennel block.
4. Any exercise, enrichment, socialisation, handling, feeding, cleaning and general care activities will be undertaken between 5:00am and 8:00pm (i.e. not overnight).
5. If emergency action is required overnight, I will contact my on-call vet or an appropriately qualified person for assistance.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR PREPARING A GREYHOUND FOR RETIREMENT AND REHOMING

- Accept GRV Protocol Option 1
- Accept GRV Protocol Option 2
- Accept GRV Protocol Option 3
- Create own Protocol

1. If I don't own the greyhound, I will talk with the Owner to discuss arrangements for preparing the greyhound for retirement and rehoming.

Option 1:

1. I will follow the Code of Practice 7 to 8-week preparation for retirement and rehoming protocol for my EHMP as found on page 24 and 25 of the Code of Practice.

Option 2:

1. I will engage a third party to prepare my greyhounds for rehoming and retirement.
2. I will take a copy of their rehoming and retirement protocol, adopt it as mine and keep it in my EHMP.
3. The person that I use for winding down greyhounds prior to retirement is:

Name

Address

Phone Number

Option 3:

1. I will ensure that each greyhound has no less than a 28 day wind down period when greyhounds are being prepared for retirement.
2. This wind down period for the greyhound will include:
 1. his/her diet will be adjusted to maintain or increase weight,
 2. his/her exercise regime will be slowly decreased, and
 3. his/her day time housing will be adjusted to at least 15 sqm; however he/she may continue to sleep in smaller (3 to 9 sqm) kennels overnight.
3. The daily regime will include being:
 1. acclimatised to different environmental landscapes such as visiting dog parks, shopping centres, etc,
 2. walked on a lead for at least 20 minutes per day,
 3. socialised with other dogs,
 4. exposed daily to different surfaces and people in a non-training or racing setting, and
 5. 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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PROTOCOL FOR PREPARING A GREYHOUND FOR RETIREMENT AND REHOMING

4. Other activities will include:
 1. gentle exercise daily in an area containing natural daylight,
 2. exposure to people through handling and play activities,
 3. exposure to different environmental stimuli, such as rope toys, squeaky toys, rubber toys, chew/food toys, bones,
 4. play time or professional obedience training,
 5. travelling inside a car (properly secured) as opposed to in a dog trailer, and
 6. exposure to small dogs and other larger dogs (the greyhound will 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 or stalking.
5. If the greyhound is exhibiting prey drive, I will consult with my vet and existing material and other resources such as the Rehoming Guide for Participants.
6. 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.
7. I will inform the Owner if I think the greyhound is ready for rehoming or requires more time until rehoming.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR EUTHANASIA IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. My process for managing euthanasia in an emergency situation is:
 1. contact the establishment's vet by phone and provide them with information about the emergency situation,
 2. if my establishment vet cannot provide veterinary attention within a reasonable amount of time, I will attempt to contact another vet. If another vet is not able to assist, then the person identified in this Protocol may carry out that euthanasia in the manner approved by my establishment 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, and
 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.
2. If a person, other than a vet, is required to perform an emergency euthanasia they must ensure that:
 1. it's performed in an area separated from other greyhounds and from public view,
 2. the greyhound is handled and spoken to in a kind and calm manner (noting that a muzzle may have to be used), and
 3. care is taken to minimise distress to the greyhound.

Use of firearm

1. 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:

Person's name and firearm
licence number)

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR THE RESPONSE TO AN OUTBREAK OF AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. 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 disease (skin or airborne), 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. After consultation with my vet, and if it's regarded as a serious outbreak, lock down my establishment to only necessary staff, and enact my emergency plan that will include:
 1. ensuring that I maintain at least 3 days' worth of food for all greyhounds,
 2. ensuring kennel ID/pen cards are updated,
 3. appropriate information about the greyhounds (such as appropriate food, feeding regime, medication, handling and exercise instructions) are written down and easily accessible,
 4. contacting my emergency contacts to inform them of the suspected event and take appropriate action and,
 5. notify GRV.
 6. All healthy and non-quarantined dogs will be fed, watered, exercised and have their kennels cleaned first during the outbreak. Once the healthy dogs have been cared for, the quarantined dogs will be fed, watered, exercised and have their kennels cleaned.
 7. All sick dogs will be fed, watered, exercised (if appropriate) and their pens cleaned last.
 8. When cleaning/handling the pens of quarantined and sick greyhounds all staff will wear overalls or have a clean change of clothes they can change into.
 9. I will ensure that water, urine and faeces cannot flow through to the pens of healthy dogs when cleaning quarantined or sick greyhound kennels.
 10. All staff will remove overalls and/or wash shoes/boots in disinfectant before handling healthy greyhounds.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR THE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM FOR THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF GREYHOUNDS BEING REARED FOR SALE



Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. I will follow my protocol for the exercise, environmental enrichment and socialisation to ensure that greyhounds have the appropriate enrichment activities for their age.
2. Upon the decision to sell a greyhound, I will conduct a pre-sale check of the greyhound that will involve:
 1. ensuring that the greyhound record is up to date and ready to be given to the new owner,
 2. ensuring that vaccinations are up to date,
 3. ensuring the greyhound has been dewormed with a suitable wormer within the last 6 weeks, and
 4. managing the sale following via the appropriate GRV requirements.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR EXERCISE, ENVIRONMENTAL ENRICHMENT AND SOCIALISATION FOR EACH CLASS OF GREYHOUND

Accept GRV Protocol Option 1

Accept GRV Protocol Option 2

Create own Protocol

Option 1:

1. I will use the Code of Practice exercise, socialisation and enrichment protocol for my EHMP as set out in Table 1: Minimum exercise, socialisation and enrichment for greyhounds on page 27 of the Code of Practice.

Option 2:

1. The following exercise, socialisation and enrichment activities will be undertaken, based on the life cycle phase of the greyhound:

Life cycle phase	Exercise, socialisation and enrichment activities (what will be done, frequency)
Puppies (under 16 weeks) Time per day:	<input type="text"/>
Rearing Time per day:	<input type="text"/>
Educating Time per day:	<input type="text"/>
Pre-training Time per day:	<input type="text"/>
Training / Racing Time per day:	<input type="text"/>

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR VACCINATION REGIME

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. A greyhound will not receive its first vaccine before 10 days of age.
2. All greyhounds kept at the establishment will be vaccinated in accordance with veterinary advice.
3. Prior to a new greyhound entering the establishment:
 1. proof of current vaccination status (a vaccination certificate or on FastTrack) will be confirmed via the greyhound record or the greyhound will not be allowed into the establishment and,
 2. the vaccination details or certificate will be separately recorded including the date of next vaccination. Vaccination certificates should record who administered the vaccination, dates of the next vaccination and will be signed by the veterinary practitioner.
4. Where any vaccinations are performed outside of my standard protocol in the table below, this will be due to advice from my veterinary practitioner and the reasons for altering from the standard protocol will be recorded.
5. All greyhounds in my care will receive an annual vaccination for canine cough (*Bordetella bronchiseptica* and Parainfluenza) that may occur at the time of their annual health check.
6. All vaccinations must be given in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.
7. Any off-label vaccination use must be in accordance with the Australian Small Animal Veterinary Association (ASAVA).
8. The Person in Charge will ensure that vaccination certificates, including dates of next treatment, details of the treatment required and a record of who administered the treatment, are signed by a veterinary practitioner at each vaccination and recorded in the greyhound record.

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PROTOCOL FOR VACCINATION REGIME (cont.)

9. My program includes the following vaccinations:

Vaccination type	Vaccinated at age
(canine distemper, canine parvovirus, canine infectious hepatitis)	6 - 8 weeks
(canine distemper, canine parvovirus, canine infectious hepatitis, bordetella bronchiseptica, parainfluenza)	10 - 16 weeks
C5 (canine distemper, canine parvovirus, canine infectious hepatitis, bordetella bronchiseptica, parainfluenza)	12 - 15 months of age
Canine cough (bordetella bronchiseptica, parainfluenza)	Every 12 months At time of annual health check unless veterinary advice recommends differently
C3 (canine distemper, canine parvovirus, canine infectious hepatitis)	Every 12 months at time of annual health check unless a vaccine with an extend duration of immunity is used (such as Nobivac or Durammune) as per ASAVA guidelines or as veterinary advice recommends or if I have had serology testing performed.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR PARASITE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT REGIME

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. I use the products set out in this protocol which are registered for use in canines.
2. These products will be used at the recommended dose and frequency as designated on the product label unless otherwise approved by my veterinary practitioner and recorded on the individual greyhound record.
3. If ticks are found I will use:
4. If mites are found I will use:
5. My treatment program is:

Type	Type of treatment (dosage, rotation)
Fleas	<input type="text"/>
Roundworm Hookworm Whipworm	<input type="text"/>
Tapeworm	<input type="text"/>

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR DENTAL MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING GUM DISEASE AND PLAQUE MANAGEMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. All existing greyhounds at and those entering my establishment will be visually examined for dental disease, signs of which include:
2. Signs of dental disease includes:
 1. foul-smelling breath,
 2. red or swollen gums,
 3. yellow or brown teeth,
 4. loose or missing teeth and,
 5. loss of appetite or having trouble chewing.
3. I will check this every and will visit the vet every for regular reviews and check-ups.
4. If plaque build-up or dental disease is observed, the greyhound will be placed on a dental management program as outlined below.

Dental Management Program

1. I will:
 1. brush the dog's teeth regularly and,
 2. provide the greyhound chew toys or food specially formulated to address dental disease.
2. In mild to severe cases, such as a greyhound with rotten, loose or missing teeth, veterinary advice will be sought and treatment provided.
3. If greyhounds show minor signs of gum disease, the disease will be managed by supplying bones, chew toys, teeth brushing and providing good quality food.
4. If it does not clear up in days, I will seek veterinary advice.
5. Plaque build-up will be managed by the provision of bones and chew toys on a regular basis.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR ORAL SUPPLEMENTS AND INJECTABLE SUBSTANCES REGIMES

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. At my establishment all supplements and injectable substances will be:
 1. individually labelled,
 2. kept in their original container or packaging and,
 3. stored according to manufacturer's directions and be easily identified.
 1. They are stored at .
2. All expired supplements and injectable substances will be properly disposed of according to relevant legislative requirements.
3. Injectable substances will be administered under the direction of a veterinary practitioner.
4. Any form of oral or injectable supplement will be recorded in the greyhound's record.
5. Sharps containers will be used for disposing of needles.

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PROTOCOL FOR ORAL SUPPLEMENTS AND INJECTABLE SUBSTANCES REGIMES (cont.)

Oral and injectable supplements

1. My establishments frequently used oral supplements and injectable substances are:

Description of supplement or injectable substance	Frequency and method	Vet authorised (if injectable substance)

2. Staff members who have been approved by a veterinarian to administer injections are:

IM or IV?

Name:		
Name:		
Name:		

3. No people other than those approved above will be responsible for the administration of injectable supplements.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR THE PROVISION OF AN APPROPRIATE DIET FOR ALL GREYHOUNDS AT THE ESTABLISHMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. At my establishment, the amount of food and water provided to each greyhound will vary depending on a number of factors including the age of the greyhound, its health status, environmental temperature, amount of exercise, lactation status, water content of diet, etc.
2. As an overview, the age appropriate diet consists of:

Age of greyhound	Comments
4 weeks Solid food will be introduced to supplement the milk puppies drink from their mother throughout the day. All puppies at this age may be fed from the same bowl.	Solid food provided: <input type="text"/> Frequency and quantities provided: <input type="text"/>
6 weeks Further solid food will be introduced that may include kibble, cooked beef, chopped vegetables and lactose free milk. All puppies at this age may still be fed from the same bowl.	Solid food provided: <input type="text"/> Frequency and quantities provided: <input type="text"/>

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**PROTOCOL FOR THE
PROVISION OF AN
APPROPRIATE DIET FOR
ALL GREYHOUNDS AT THE
ESTABLISHMENT (cont.)**

Age of greyhound	Comments
<p>12 weeks Solid food will be provided that may include beef, chicken, cooked / chopped vegetables, kibble and pasta. Puppies will be fed separately from their own food bowl.</p>	<p>Types of solid food provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 651 1359 822" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 76px; width: 477px;"></div> <p>Frequency and quantities provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 887 1359 972" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 38px; width: 477px;"></div>
<p>16 weeks + Diet will be changed to assist with bone development and increased energy requirements.</p>	<p>Types of solid food provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 1106 1359 1276" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 76px; width: 477px;"></div> <p>Frequency and quantities provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 1341 1359 1426" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 38px; width: 477px;"></div>

**PROTOCOL FOR THE
PROVISION OF AN
APPROPRIATE DIET FOR
ALL GREYHOUNDS AT THE
ESTABLISHMENT (cont.)**

Age of greyhound	Comments
<p>Racing greyhounds</p> <p>Racing greyhounds will be provided with an appropriately measured diet that may comprise of dry food, meat such as chicken, beef or kangaroo, vegetables, pasta and water in quantities tailored to each greyhound. The diet will vary depending on their individual requirements. The diet of a racing greyhound should be maintained to prevent weight fluctuations that may impact on a greyhound's ability to race.</p>	<p>Types of solid food provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 651 1359 1043" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 175px; margin: 5px 0;"></div> <p>Frequency and quantities provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 1160 1359 1344" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 82px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>
<p>Retiring greyhounds</p>	<p>Diet will be modified to increase weight. Further information can be found in my Preparation for Retirement and Rehoming Protocol.</p>

**PROTOCOL FOR THE
PROVISION OF AN
APPROPRIATE DIET FOR
ALL GREYHOUNDS AT THE
ESTABLISHMENT (cont.)**

Age of greyhound	Comments
<p>Pregnant and lactating greyhounds</p> <p>The diet will include sufficient calories to meet increased energy needs for milk production and the growth of puppies.</p> <p>Increased fat will be provided to satisfy the higher demand for calories and more calcium and phosphorus will be included in the diet for the mother's milk production and the bone growth of her puppies.</p> <p>In addition, more protein will be provided to nourish the healthy development of puppies.</p>	<p>Types of solid food provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 651 1359 1043" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 175px; margin-bottom: 20px;"></div> <p>Frequency and quantities provided:</p> <div data-bbox="598 1160 1359 1344" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 82px;"></div>
<p>Stud greyhounds</p>	<p>Will be fed a diet consisting of:</p> <div data-bbox="598 1536 1359 1697" style="border: 1px solid black; height: 72px;"></div>

PROTOCOL FOR THE PROVISION OF AN APPROPRIATE DIET FOR ALL GREYHOUNDS AT THE ESTABLISHMENT (cont.)

Raw offal

1. As part of my establishment, I do / don't (select one) feed the greyhounds raw offal.
2. If greyhounds are fed raw offal, it must be part of the EHMP and be in conjunction with a complete worming program.

Establishment use of raw offal	<input type="text"/>
Frequency of use	<input type="text"/>
Types of raw offal fed:	<input type="text"/>

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR INTERVENTION AND STRESS MANAGEMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. Greyhounds are monitored daily for signs of stress, poor acclimatisation to housing and the development of stereotypies as part of our general behavioural observation protocol.
2. I will refer to Appendix 1: Identifying stress and anxiety in greyhounds in the Code to identify key behavioural signs (Page 39 of the Code of Practice).
3. If signs of stress, poor acclimatisation or the development of behavioural stereotypies are recorded for more than two consecutive days, staff will take steps to review the possible cause by:
 1. checking the greyhound for signs of illness and injury that may be contributing to the behaviour and treat accordingly,
 2. moving the greyhound to a pen of larger size,
 3. providing additional and different enrichment items (previous enrichment item rotation will be reviewed),
 4. allowing, where possible, additional time out of the kennel in exercise yards, and
 5. regularly monitoring the greyhound for an additional 2-3 days.
4. If the greyhound's symptoms don't improve, the establishment veterinarian must be contacted to obtain a second opinion and identify whether there is any illness or injury that could be contributing to the stress response.

Vet initial

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

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

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 Anomaly 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.
3. 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.
4. 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

1. 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.
2. Any greyhound being considered for breeding will meet minimum age requirements (including GRV requirements), have up to date vaccinations, and be appropriately registered to breed.

Breeding with a male greyhound

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

Breeding with a female greyhound

1. All breeding female greyhounds will have a general health check by a veterinary practitioner prior to first service to assess whether they are physically mature enough to breed, and within 8 weeks of whelping.
2. 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.
3. If a female has had 3 litters already, I will apply for a pink card exemption from GRV.
4. If a female is over 8 years of age, I will apply for a pink card exemption from GRV.
5. A 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.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR WHELPING (if applicable)

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

Protocol Not Required

1. In the event complications arise, I will contact my vet or access an emergency care centre if my vet is unable to be on call.
2. One week prior to whelping date, subject to considering the stress levels in the greyhound, I will move the female greyhound to a whelping pen.
3. I will monitor the progress of the female greyhound by recording her rectal temperature at the same time each day to check for the drop that indicates whelping will commence within 24 hours. Her temperature will then be checked times daily until whelping commences.
4. If the female greyhound goes more than hours past due date, I will contact a veterinarian for advice.
5. As soon as the greyhound shows signs of whelping, I will add fresh bedding material to the whelping pen.
6. I will begin regular monitoring, every hour to hours depending on progress of the labour in person or remotely (Select one).
7. If there are any abnormalities observed or concerns for the welfare of the female greyhound or puppies during the whelping process, I will immediately seek the advice of my veterinarian - phone number
8. After whelping is complete I will:
 1. monitor the female greyhound and her puppies every 1 to 2 hours until the puppies are feeding, and maternal acceptance has been firmly established,
 2. conduct a puppy health check within 12 hours of whelping, and
 3. within 24 hours, clean the whelping area and change all bedding material.
9. Oxytocin will only be administered under the direction of a veterinary practitioner.

Vet initial

PROTOCOL FOR MUZZLING (if applicable)

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

Protocol Not Required

1. At my establishment, any muzzle used must not:
 1. restrict normal and necessary behaviour such as panting and drinking, and
 2. cause pain or distress to the greyhound.

2. The use of muzzles will consider weather conditions.

3. Any veterinary direction for muzzle use for greyhounds must be reviewed at least annually.

4. At my establishment, muzzles are used on a regular basis in the following circumstances (such as destructive behaviour, veterinary advice, etc):

1.

2.

3.

5. These are the types of muzzles used at my establishment:

1.

2.

3.

6. Greyhounds must not be muzzled for more than 30 minutes at a time unless:

1. being walked in public places,
2. travelling,
3. under strict, documented, direction by a veterinary practitioner,
4. under GRV Steward direction, or
5. part of a housing acclimatisation program as detailed in the establishment's EHMP.

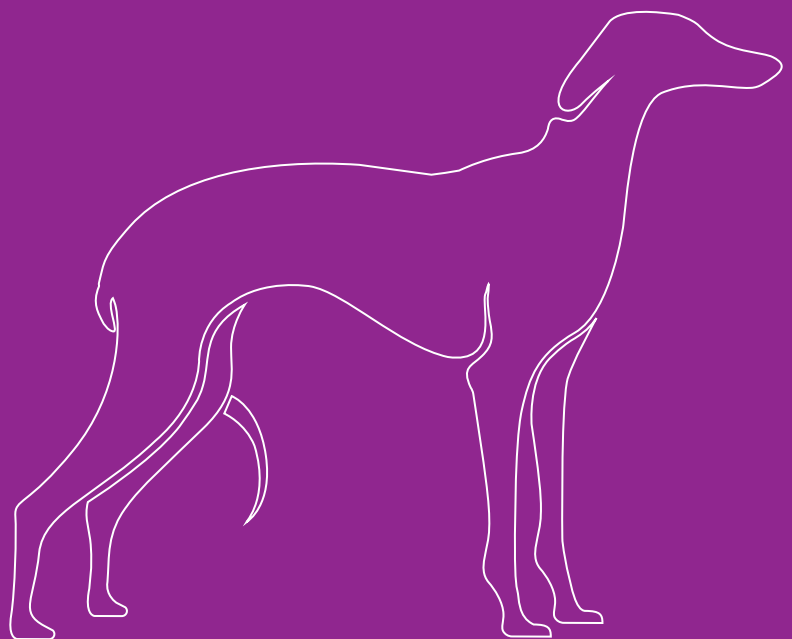
7. If greyhounds show signs of distress the muzzle will be removed immediately.

Vet initial

Greyhound

CODE OF PRACTICE

*The following protocols of your EHMP
do not need to be approved by a Vet,
however they must still be completed.*



Accept GRV Protocol Option 1

Accept GRV Protocol Option 2

Create own Protocol

Option 1:

1. My written agreement with a veterinary practitioner will allow me to use off site isolation housing, compliant with the requirements of the Code, at my vet's practice.

Option 2:

1. Isolation housing at my establishment will be used for isolating greyhounds with infectious diseases.
2. If no greyhounds with infectious diseases are using them at the time, the isolation housing may be used to assist in isolation training of individual greyhounds.
3. My isolation housing is physically separated by an impervious barrier or is at least 10 metres from all other greyhound housing areas.
4. Specific items used, such as bedding materials, food and water utensils, enrichment items etc., in isolation housing will remain in those isolation areas and will not be used in any other areas of the establishment.
5. Drainage from isolation areas is diverted away from all other greyhound housing areas to prevent contamination.
6. Greyhounds in isolation will be kept in the area set out below and regularly monitored by the Person in Charge according to direction from a veterinary practitioner.
7. Greyhounds with injuries or illnesses that are not infectious will be separated, but not necessarily isolated, from other greyhounds, if separation will reduce stress in the greyhound.

Location of isolation housing	<input type="text"/>
Floor area (sqm) of isolation housing	<input type="text"/>

PROTOCOL FOR STAFF INDUCTION PROGRAM

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. Each person working at my establishment must be appropriately inducted using the Staff Induction form.
2. The Person in Charge will conduct orientation for new staff, including showing the new staff member the kitchen/meal area, toilet facilities and where to store personal items (bags, jackets, etc.).
3. I will give the staff member copies of my relevant business policies or procedures e.g. codes of conduct and work health and safety policies or procedures. This can include discussing evacuation plans, pointing out first aid officers and emergency wardens and briefing staff on safety procedures.

PROTOCOL FOR FACILITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. I will appoint an emergency management warden for my establishment.
2. In the event of sudden emergency situations, such as fire, heat extreme days, flash flood or severe storm, this protocol will be implemented.
3. The emergency warden is responsible for the safe evacuation of staff from the establishment, and if possible coordinating the removal of greyhounds. Immediately on instruction from the warden, all staff will immediately cease all activity and secure personal valuables. Anyone in immediate danger will be given assistance, but only if safe to do so.
4. If practical, and only if safe to do so, staff, at the direction of the emergency warden, will secure any activity or process that may become hazardous or suffer damage if left unattended because of evacuation.
5. If appropriate, greyhounds will be moved to a safer location.
6. The establishment will be evacuated in accordance with directions from the warden by following the emergency evacuation plan. A map of the emergency evacuation plan will be posted at the entry point of each area of the establishment, showing the locations of emergency exits and emergency equipment (such as fire extinguishers) and maps for evacuation routes and emergency assembly areas.
7. Staff will not leave the evacuation assembly area until the all clear has been given.
8. The evacuation procedures at my establishment are displayed throughout my establishment.

Name of emergency warden	<input type="text"/>
Location of alternate outdoor kennels	<input type="text"/>
Fire extinguisher location(s):	<input type="text"/>

PROTOCOL FOR RISK ASSESSMENT AND MANAGEMENT OF HOUSING AND EXERCISE YARDS

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. I will undertake a review of my risk assessment report every 6 months. A sample risk assessment can be found on the GRV Greyhound Care and Standards Code of Practice webpage.
2. I will keep a copy of the Risk Assessment with my EHMP records.

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. The establishment, including transport vehicles, will be kept clean and tidy at all times, with all rubbish being disposed of in appropriate bins (e.g. general rubbish bins, sharps containers for needles).
2. All areas will be either mopped or hosed down every day. Greyhound areas will be disinfected in accordance with the Protocol for Disinfection and Disease Prevention. Greyhounds will be removed from their kennelling area prior to the area being cleaned.
3. All bedding material will be replaced if damaged and washed regularly, including washing if heavily soiled. Bedding material will be dry before being placed into a sleeping area.
4. Greyhounds will be moved back into the kennel area once it has been cleaned.
5. Greyhounds will be returned to the same kennel that they were removed from.
6. Prior to a greyhound whelping, the pen will have been disinfected. The pen will also be disinfected once the puppies have been removed. The whelping area will be completely cleaned, and all bedding material changed within 24 hours of the completion of whelping.
7. Equipment, gear and appliances will be cleaned and disinfected weekly (e.g. leads, bathing equipment) or more regularly if heavily soiled.
8. Empty out yards will be kept clean at all times.
9. All external yards, including slipping tracks, will be kept clean and tidy at all times.
10. Faeces in external yards will be picked up daily or more often if required and disposed of in appropriate waste bins.
11. All feeding and watering utensils will be washed either in the dishwasher or hand washed with warm soapy water weekly or more often if required. Utensils will be rinsed to remove any residual disinfectant/detergent.
12. Enrichment items, where appropriate, will be washed either in the dishwasher or washing machine weekly or more often if heavily soiled (note, bones used as enrichment articles do not require washing). Enrichment items will be washed and disinfected before being rotated between greyhounds.
13. Bones will not be rotated between greyhounds and all uneaten food will be disposed of in appropriate waste bins.

PROTOCOL FOR PEST MANAGEMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. Pests, including flies, mosquitos and rodents will be controlled at my establishment.
2. The chemicals used for pest control in the establishment will be commercially available and registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority and will be used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.
3. Water will not be allowed to pool. Water storage, such as rainwater tanks or dams, will be periodically inspected to ensure mosquitoes are not breeding or that their larvae are not present in significant numbers.
4. Physical barriers to prevent access by flies, mosquitos and vermin to indoor areas of the establishment will be installed if appropriate.
5. The external walls of indoor areas will be periodically inspected for holes or gaps allowing rodent access. If found, any holes or gaps will be fixed or blocked up.
6. Commercially available poisons, such as Ratsak, will be used in bait stations in both indoor and outdoor areas of the establishment.
7. Bait stations will not be used in areas where greyhounds have access.
8. Rodent kill traps or live catch rodent traps will be used throughout the establishment.
9. Electronic rodent controls will be plugged directly into a power point.
10. Extension cords and power boards will not be used for electronic rodent control.
11. Dead rodents will be disposed of in appropriate waste bins.
12. Any pest traps used will be in accordance with the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986 (Vic) and Regulations.

Chemicals used for pest control	<input type="text"/>
Company used for pest control program (if any)	<input type="text"/>

PROTOCOL FOR DISINFECTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. If the population of dogs at my kennel is not changing, then I will disinfect the kennels no less than 4 times per year unless required more often.
2. If there is a change of dogs, then the kennel will be disinfected in between one greyhound leaving and the next one arriving.
3. I will use hospital grade disinfectant product(s).
4. Manufacturer's instructions will be read and followed before use to ensure that they are used safely and correctly, and that storage does not make it inactive.
5. Safety instructions will be followed regarding handling the product.
6. When using disinfectant, it will be diluted according to its instructions in a mop bucket and applied with a mop.

PROTOCOL FOR THE QUARANTINE AND MOVEMENT OF GREYHOUNDS INCLUDING FOR NEW GREYHOUNDS TO THE ESTABLISHMENT

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. Movements of greyhounds and other animals in the establishment may be limited and visitation from people outside the establishment ceased in situations of infectious disease or quarantine.
2. Any other animals showing overt clinical signs of an infectious disease will be moved to a quarantine area (as above).
3. Greyhounds and other animals who are or have recently been in close proximity will also be moved to quarantine area.
4. All greyhounds and other 'at risk' animals will be managed in accordance with the veterinary instructions.
5. Greyhounds assessed as at risk of having or spreading infectious disease must be scratched and not attend for trials or races.
6. 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.

NOTE: If any greyhounds are showing signs of infectious disease, they will be managed in accordance with my Response to an Outbreak of Infectious Disease at the Establishment Protocol.

PROTOCOL FOR THE ADMISSION ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (if applicable)

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. Using my Greyhound Admission Form, for each greyhound being admitted to my establishment I will:
 1. verify the identity of the greyhound through microchip and/or ear brand, sex, colour and any distinguishing features,
 2. examine the toenails, eyes and ears of the greyhound,
 3. check the greyhound for injuries or obvious illnesses,
 4. check the teeth of the greyhound - any signs of decay, gum disease or plaque build-up will be addressed in accordance with the dental management procedure in this EHMP, or as directed by a vet,
 5. confirm with the previous owner / trainer or carer whether the greyhound has any known health issues, has ever displayed behavioural stereotypies or has any specific feeding, exercise or other management requirements, and
 6. check the greyhound record to ensure that it is up to date and verify that the vaccinations are up to date.
2. If I am not the owner of the greyhound, I will:
 1. obtain the emergency contact details from the owner, including a secondary contact person, and
 2. gain authority to provide treatment to the greyhound if the owner or owner's emergency contacts cannot be contacted.
3. Upon admission, the greyhound will be moved to an assigned kennel which has been pre-identified, and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected. The kennel will contain a clean bed and bedding, clean food and water bowls, and clean enrichment items.
4. Complete the appropriate tasks on FastTrack.

NOTE: refer to the Code of Practice Support Book for additional information and a sample greyhound admission form.

PROTOCOL FOR A HOUSING ACCLIMATISATION PROGRAM (if required)

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

Protocol Not Required

1. Greyhounds that are moving to the education stage of their racing life will be acclimatised to their future racing housing starting at weeks of age.
2. Each greyhound will receive daily exposure to housing equivalent in size and design to common racing kennels of between 3 sqm and 9 sqm, for periods of time which increase gradually from hours per day to by the end of weeks.
3. Each greyhound will be provided with positive reinforcement and enrichment such as toys, bones or other activities.
4. Greyhounds will be provided with toilet breaks every two to three hours to help build familiarity with race kennel routine.
5. Greyhounds will be monitored for signs of difficulty acclimatising or stress and I will seek the relevant guidance from my Intervention and Stress Management Protocol and / or my veterinary practitioner.

PROTOCOL FOR DAILY VISUAL BEHAVIOURAL AND WELFARE ASSESSMENTS

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. All greyhounds will be checked visually at least twice per day (as will their surrounding areas such as kennels).
2. If any greyhounds are showing signs of ill health or stress observed (as per my Intervention and Stress Management Protocol), these will be recorded in the greyhound record (as well as any treatment that has been administered).
3. The daily visual assessment will check for signs of:
 1. seasonality, pregnancy or whelping (where relevant),
 2. injuries or illnesses (or progress from returning from an injury or illness),
 3. behavioural/mental stress,
 4. infectious disease or potentially infectious disease symptoms, such as coughing, vomiting, diarrhoea, especially if blood-stained, repeated sneezing, runny nose or runny or inflamed eyes, and
 5. pests or parasites.

NOTE: If any greyhounds are showing signs of infectious disease, they will be managed in accordance with my Response to an Outbreak of Infectious Disease at the establishment Protocol.

PROTOCOL FOR AGE OF EXPOSURE TO MINIMUM TRAINING REQUIREMENTS (EDUCATION AND PRE-TRAINING)
(if required)

- Accept GRV Protocol
- Create own Protocol
- Protocol Not Required

Activity	Exposure from (number of weeks)
Collar training	
Lead training	
Chase motivation training	
Transport vehicles and equipment (i.e. trailers, crates)	
Training facilities (e.g. slipping tracks, circular tracks)	
Race facilities (e.g. starting boxes, racing kennels, catching pens)	

PROTOCOL FOR GREYHOUND GROOMING

Accept GRV Protocol

Create own Protocol

1. All greyhounds must be groomed by brushing or bathing, whichever is necessary, at a frequency that ensures coats are kept in good, clean condition.
2. I will groom each of the greyhounds under my care every .
3. All greyhounds will have their toenails checked and trimmed at a frequency to prevent overgrowth.
4. Greyhounds that become dirty with dirt, mud or other substances will be bathed or cleaned at the earliest opportunity (e.g. after training or racing if the track is muddy or wet).

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Does this Protocol require vet approval? Yes No

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