

# GRV BREEDING FEMALE EXEMPTION APPLICATION

## Background

Female greyhounds must be registered for breeding (have a “Pink Card”) before they can be mated. This registration automatically becomes **inactive once the breeding female greyhound turns eight (8) years of age and/or whelps her third litter** (regardless of who bred each litter).

- Therefore, under the Rules of Racing (GAR 57 and 58), a **breeding female requires approval** (‘Breeding Exemption’) from GRV to be **mated when over 8 years of age** and/or to **breed a fourth or fifth litter**. Approval of a Breeding Exemption will only allow one additional service/insemination, irrespective of the result of the service/insemination, and this approval is only valid for 120 days from the date of veterinary certification. If you wish to arrange an additional service or insemination, you will need to reapply.
- In addition, under the Victorian Government’s *Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds* a breeding female **cannot have more than 5 litters in her lifetime**; and under the Rules of Racing (GAR 59), **cannot have more than 2 litters in any 18-month period**. There is no discretion to waive these two restrictions so if either of these apply, please do NOT complete this form.

## Application process

1. Breeder to complete **PART A** (pages 3-4) of this form and provide it to their veterinarian.
2. Breeder to arrange for a GRV approved veterinarian to examine the greyhound and complete **PART B** (pages 5-6) of this form.
3. Breeder to arrange for the completed form (pages 3-6) to be **EMAILED to [welfare@grv.org.au](mailto:welfare@grv.org.au)**.

## BREEDING PLAN GUIDANCE

GRV expects all breeders to develop a breeding plan to accompany any proposed mating. To support participants in the development of these plans, we have provided a guide to help consider your breeding plan to achieve successful racing pups.

### Evaluating the BREEDING FEMALE

Attribute	Description –	Comment
Temperament	Calm, relaxed, outgoing or friendly	
	Nervous, anxious, shy or aloof*	
	Aggressive, highly strung or fearful**	
Racing	Race habits (e.g. hard railer, wide runner, marring?)	
	Race results	
	Early pace, endurance, stamina	
	Chase/ focus	
	Best distance (e.g. sprint, middle, stayer)	
Previous litters	Pregnancy health	
	Ease of whelping / complications / Caesarean sections	
	Litter sizes, puppy health	
	Milk production / feeding / complications	
	Attitude towards pups (e.g. patient, aloof, playful)	
	Offspring to race	



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Racing	Race habits (e.g. hard railer, wide runner)	
	Race results (e.g. city class, country class, mix)	
	Early pace, endurance, stamina	
	Chase/ focus	
	Best distance (e.g. sprint, middle, stayer)	
Previous litters	Litter sizes	
	Offspring to race	

\*Timid, anxious and fearful females excrete stress hormones which can affect the resilience of pups.

\*\* Inherited from the sire.

For more information on evaluating please visit <https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/breeding/successful-breeding/>

## Litter Management

In addition, your breeding plan should consider important aspects of whelping, rearing and educating the litter and, if you will not be fulfilling those functions, whether chosen individuals are suitable to support you and the pups to a successful racing career. To help you consider this, the following questions should be reviewed.

1. Does the whelper have code compliant adequate whelping space and experience in whelping?
2. Does Whelper have socialisation and enrichment programs that promote racing success? \*
3. Does Rearer have a rearing yard for training and enrichment?
4. Does Rearer have socialisation and enrichment programs that promote racing success? \*
5. Does the Rearer include regular (at least once per week) socialisation with other breeds of dogs and unfamiliar people as part of their program? \*
6. Does the Rearer have suitable kennel facilities for transitioning pups to a kennel environment?
7. Does the Rearer have a Kennel Transition Program and good knowledge of the signs of abnormal behaviours to prevent the development of abnormal behaviours that could impact on racing and rehoming?
8. Does the Educator use positive reward training methods?

\* See <https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/GRV-Socialising-for-Success-191219.pdf>

## Notes:

*Note: for convenience this form now includes two pages of guidance (pages 1-2) and incorporates the two previous separate application forms; the "Breeding Female Exemption Application" form (now pages 3-4 of this form) and the "Greyhound Breeding Female - Breeding Health and Fitness Certificate" (now pages 5-6 of this form).*



# PART A - BREEDING EXEMPTION APPLICATION FORM

To be completed by Breeder and provided to the veterinarian with blank PART B

A completed copy of this whole document must be kept by the participant as part of their Greyhound Health Record and record keeping requirements under the *Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds*.

## DETAILS OF BREEDING FEMALE UNDER CONSIDERATION

Greyhound name		Date of birth	/ /
Microchip number		Ear brand	
Sire		Dam	

## APPLICANT DETAILS (OWNER OR PERSON WITH AUTHORITY TO BREED)

Full name		Member no	
Postal address			
Suburb		Postcode	
Telephone numbers	Home		Mobile
Email address			

## PREMISES AT WHICH BREEDING FEMALE WILL BE WHELPED

Property owner name			
Kennel address			
Suburb		Postcode	

## BREEDING MANAGEMENT (All fields must be completed)

Service type (circle all relevant)	Natural mating	Surgical AI	TCI
Semen type (circle all relevant)	Fresh	Chilled	Frozen
Proposed sire:			
Reason for choosing sire:			
Who will whelp the litter:			
Who will rear the litter:			
Who will educate the litter:			

### PRIVACY POLICY

Greyhound Racing Victoria ABN 76 642 748 029 (GRV) understands the importance of your personal information and its privacy and is committed to ensuring the privacy of your personal information. By signing this document, you consent to GRV collecting, using, holding and disclosing personal information about you in the manner set out in GRV's Privacy Policy. By signing this document, you also consent to GRV sending documents to you electronically. GRV may seek and obtain further personal information (including sensitive information) about you during our dealings with you. The terms of this consent apply to the collection, use, holding and disclosure of that information as well. You do not have to supply GRV with personal information about you but, if you do not do so, your application may be rejected.



**BREEDING COSTS**

(All fields must be completed)

Estimated sire cost:	\$
<b>Estimated veterinary costs</b>	
• Pre-mating health check and progesterone test(s)/swab(s)	\$
• Insemination fees	\$
• Birth support (e.g. caesarean section)	\$
• Post-whelping 6-8 week check-up	\$
• 6-8 week pup vaccinations**	\$
Estimated whelping costs	\$
Estimated rearing costs**	\$
Estimated education costs**	\$
<b>Total estimated cost</b>	<b>\$</b>

\*\* for the purposes of this calculation assume there are 6 pups

**DETAILS OF PREVIOUS LITTERS BRED \*** (All fields must be completed - if female has had less than 4 litters, write N/A across the relevant boxes)

	Whelp date	Insemination method (circle)	Pups born alive/dead	Whelping (circle)	No of pups named	No of greyhounds to start in a race	No of greyhounds to win a race	No of greyhounds never raced
<b>First litter</b>		Natural / Surgical AI / TCI	/	natural caesarian				
Describe any events at or after birth that may have impacted on the successful outcome for the litter or breeding female								
<b>Second litter</b>		Natural / Surgical AI / TCI	/	natural caesarian				
Describe any events at or after birth that may have impacted on the successful outcome for the litter or breeding female								
<b>Third litter</b>		Natural / Surgical AI / TCI	/	natural caesarian				
Describe any events at or after birth that may have impacted on the successful outcome for the litter or breeding female								
<b>Fourth litter</b>		Natural / Surgical AI / TCI	/	natural caesarian				
Describe any events at or after birth that may have impacted on the successful outcome for the litter or breeding female								

**Where last litter was whelped in the last 12 months, evidence (certificate or clinical notes) of a post-whelping veterinary check must be provided with this application.**

**DECLARATION**

I declare that the particulars contained above are true and correct and that I understand it is a serious offence under the Rules of Racing to make a false declaration and/or provide false or misleading information at any time to GRV. I agree at all times to observe and be bound by the Rules of Racing and all other applicable rules, laws and legislation in force from time to time and all decisions and directions by GRV that it is empowered to make or give. I will advise GRV if there is any change in the particulars in this application.

<b>Applicant name</b>		<b>Member no</b>	
<b>Applicant signature</b>		<b>Date</b>	/ /



# PART B - VETERINARY BREEDING HEALTH ASSESSMENT CERTIFICATE

To be completed by a GRV Approved Veterinarian

## 1. Details of breeding female greyhound

Greyhound name		Date of birth	/ /
Microchip number		Ear brand	
Vaccination status	Next C3 due: / /	Next Kennel Cough due:	/ /

## 2. Reproductive history

Has the breeding female previously experienced?

	YES	NO	Comments: If NO, please describe Include recovery from surgery and any uterine issues/surgical healing
Normal oestrus patterns			
Ease of conception			
Normal gestation period			
Normal passage of foetal membranes			

Is the information provided in Table 2 based on review of the breeding female's clinical history or information provided by the person presenting the greyhound:

Clinical history ☐

Participant information ☐

## 3. General Physical Examination

For the purposes of this certificate of breeding health it is not a requirement to conduct clinical pathology, diagnostic imaging, or further internal investigations to determine general breeding health. However, it is at the discretion of the veterinarian whether further diagnostic investigation is warranted, based on the initial findings of this broad examination and the female's reproductive history, prior to certifying fitness to breed. Where further investigations have taken place then the results of these investigations should be provided attached to this document and submitted with this application.

General Health Status	Good	Moderate	Poor	Comments
a) Physical body condition				
b) Teeth and gums				
c) Temperament: fearful, timid, aggressive, aloof or calm, relaxed, outgoing and friendly	Please detail:			
	Normal	Abnormal		Comments
d) Eyes				
e) Head				
f) Limbs				
g) Heart auscultation				
	Heart rate _____ bpm			
h) Mucous membranes and capillary refill time				
i) Abdominal palpation				
j) Feet				
k) Gait and soundness				
l) Skin				
m) Tail				
n) Mammary glands				
o) Vulval conformation				
p) Vulval discharge (if present)				



q) Known heritable diseases	Please detail
r) Other health conditions	Please detail and provide appropriate treatment plan and treatment timing
General health comments and additional remarks	

#### 4. Veterinary declaration

Name of greyhound		Examination date	/ /
Name of veterinarian		VPRBV no	
Name of veterinary practice			
<p>I, being a registered veterinarian declare that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I have examined _____ (greyhound as described above) in accordance with prescribed standards and procedures, including a review of all available clinical notes and the history provided by _____ (applicant).</li> <li>I find: (please tick one of the below boxes only) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> this female greyhound to be fit and healthy at this time, and there are no other physical reasons or limitations as to why she should not breed a litter at this time; or</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> this female greyhound is NOT fit and healthy to be bred with at this time.</li> </ul> </li> <li>The information I have provided is true and correct.</li> <li>The breeding statement above reflects my clinical opinion in accordance with my duties as a registered veterinarian under the Veterinary Practitioners Registration Board of Victoria.</li> </ul>			
Veterinarian's signature		Certification date	/ /

