



DESEXING FACT SHEET

Desexing your greyhound is an important step in the re-homing process and GRV highly recommends that your greyhound is desexed as soon as possible after the decision to retire has been made.



PREPARATION FOR PET LIFE

Desexing your greyhound is a vital part of the retirement and rehoming process and can have health and behavioural benefits, even if you are keeping your retired greyhound as a pet on your own couch. In the past, rehoming rules have allowed a greyhound to be transferred to a third-party owner prior to being desexed, however, this is no longer the case. Today, all greyhounds being retired to a third-party must be desexed first and most adoption agencies will not accept a greyhound that has not been desexed. A greyhound is not eligible to be added to the waiting lists for any of the rehoming programs offered through our Greyhound Adoption Program without being desexed first.

BENEFITS OF DESEXING

There is evidence desexing can decrease some hormonally driven behaviours, potentially making dogs calmer and more affectionate. It can also reduce a greyhound's tendency to show undesirable behaviour, such as, being overly boisterous and showing aggression. They are less likely to scent mark their territory, and females do not display behaviours associated with heat cycles. Desexing also has important health benefits. It can reduce the risk of developing uterine and ovarian cancer in females, and in male dogs, testicular cancer, and prostate issues, especially in older greyhounds.

RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH REHOMING ENTIRE GREYHOUNDS

We all play a part in preserving the reputation of greyhounds as great pets and ensuring the sustainability of the greyhound racing sport. Desexing prevents unwanted litters and stops the risk of unscrupulous persons using entire greyhounds to breed with other dog breeds (such as Staghounds) for hunting purposes, which could negatively impact on the public perception of the greyhound as a breed and the desirability of greyhounds as pets. Some local councils have mandatory desexing orders in place, which mean a dog cannot be registered until it is desexed, while other councils charge significantly more to register un-desexed dogs.

GRV offers assistance with desexing under our Desexing and Dental Scheme for more information visit <https://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/rehoming/desexing-and-dental-scheme/>