



GRV Approved & Mandatory Gear Listings

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Mandatory and Approved Gear for Greyhounds Racing in Victoria - Greyhound Racing Victoria

Greyhound Australasian Rule (GAR) 90 mandates that any gear used in connection with greyhound racing must be approved by the Controlling Body, as follows –

GAR 90 Gear to be approved and application for use.

(1) Any gear to be applied to a greyhound in connection with kennelling, preparation for racing or competing in an Event must be of a type approved by a Controlling Body or applied to the satisfaction of a Steward.

[Note: Mandatory approved gear includes an approved collar and affixed lead, and an approved racing muzzle. Other approved gear may include: approved blinkers; approved strapping or tape; or an approved catching lead (for catching purposes only).]

(2) Gear other than mandatory approved gear is only to be applied to a greyhound if: (a) the handler of a greyhound applies to the Stewards at the time of kennelling for that gear to be applied to the greyhound; and (b) an officiating veterinarian or other authorised person approves the use of that gear.

(3) A greyhound shall not be kennelled, prepared for racing or compete in an Event without approved gear being applied unless, at the time of kennelling, the Stewards have received from the trainer an application to remove the gear.

(4) For the purposes of this rule the Stewards may require a greyhound to perform a satisfactory trial with gear before permission is granted for that greyhound to wear that gear in an Event.

(5) If permission has been granted for gear to be applied to or removed from a greyhound, the Stewards must record that gear in the relevant part of an identification record.

(6) If a greyhound requires bandaging or bandaging or other gear applied during a meeting, that must be carried out by or under the supervision of an officiating veterinarian or applied to the satisfaction of a Steward.

Gear, is defined within the GAR as, *any strapping or equipment (including a muzzle) permitted to be applied to a greyhound in connection with the kennelling, presentation for or competing in an Event.*

As the Controlling Body, Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) has established a list of gear that is classified as either *mandatory* or *approved* for use on a greyhound during kennelling, presentation, racing, or trialling.

Mandatory gear must be fitted to the greyhound or used in connection with the greyhound, whenever it is on a racecourse.

Approved gear may be used on a racecourse only after application by the Trainer and approval of the Stewards.

All gear must be provided by the participant (unless otherwise stated), be in good condition, fit for purpose and pose no risk to any person or greyhound.

Any other gear not specified in this list requires the permission of Stewards for each individual greyhound.



Mandatory Gear

<p>Leads & Collars</p>	<p>Leather or PVC leads with a buckle up attachment to the collar (no clips) are the approved type and must provide effective control of the greyhound in a public place.</p> <p>Leads must not to be left on greyhounds in the race kennels.</p> <p>Permission for the application of a nose strap, harness or head check may be sought from the Stewards (prior to the greyhound racing).</p> <p>Rope, Belts, Wire or Cord are not permitted for handling or catching purposes.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>"Clip Leads" are not permitted</u></p>
<p>Racing Muzzle (non-barking muzzle)</p>	<p>Standard design, made of wire and includes a band behind the ears and a nose band that enables the greyhound to open its mouth without hindrance.</p>
<p>Mattress/Bedding</p>	<p>Kennel mats must be clean (as approved by Stewards) and in good condition.</p> <p>Carpet, blankets, towels or doonas are not permitted in race kennels.</p> <p>Greyhounds may be kenneled without a kennel mat with approval of the Stewards.</p>

Approved Gear

<p>Plastic muzzle (American style)</p>	<p>Plastic American style muzzles are permitted for use during kenneling and post-race sampling only.</p> <p>Greyhounds retrieved for racing or sampling pre-race must be fitted with a racing muzzle.</p> <p>Barking muzzles are <u>NOT</u> permitted.</p>
<p>Water Bowl <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i></p>	<p>A rinsed and clean bowl of water can be provided in the post-race swabbing kennel, filled from a regular tap in view of the Steward.</p> <p>The water bowl must be of adequate size to allow the greyhound to drink and must be able to be secured so as to not spill.</p>
<p>Blinkers <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i></p>	<p>Blinkers must be attached securely to the muzzle to avoid movement or damage in the wind.</p> <p>Must be made from light material, preferably wire covered with sturdy thick <u>black</u> material that has a non-reflective finish.</p> <p>Edges to be rounded with no pointy or sharp areas that may cause injury to the greyhound or other greyhounds.</p> <p>The length of the blinker must not extend beyond the nose strap on the muzzle.</p> <p>Blinkers must be of enough height to fully obscure vision from the side but must not be greater than 7cm in height from the horizontal wire atop the muzzle.</p>



Approved Gear

Cooling vests	<p>Pre-race and/or post-race only for a maximum of 60 minutes each period.</p> <p>Cooling vests must not be used in place of actively cooling the greyhound</p>
Compression suits <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i>	<p>Pre- and post-race only.</p>
Cold Weather Jackets and Raincoats	<p>Before racing and on parade to the starting boxes, but to be removed for racing.</p>
Harness, Head checks and Double Collars. <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i>	<p>Must only be used when parading greyhounds to the starting boxes.</p>
Tapes/Bandages/Vet Wrap <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i>	<p>Prior to racing, all tapes and bandages for both kenneling and racing must be approved by On Track Veterinarian (OTV) and applied by either the OTV or by the handler under the OTV's supervision or approval.</p> <p>Tapes and bandages are not to be worn during the veterinary examination prior to being kenneled.</p>
Grease, petroleum jelly or talcum powder	<p>Only those provided at the Club by the OTV.</p>
Anti- Aggression Muzzle <i>Requires Stewards approval for each individual greyhound.</i>	<p>Anti-Aggression Muzzles must be worn in races when directed by the Stewards in accordance with GAR 131.</p> <p>Trainers can apply to Stewards for a greyhound to wear an Anti-Aggression Muzzle.</p>



Prohibited Items in the Kennels, Yards, Rooms & Track Areas

Prohibited items are not permitted in any area of the kennel building, yards, vet room, swab room or track during a race meeting without permission of the Stewards. These items include but are not limited to:

- Smokes, Cigars, Cigarettes, Coffee, Hot Chocolate or Tea
- Anything as described by the provisions of GAR 149 below (that deals with items on a racecourse)
- Soft-Drink, Alcohol, or any other liquid/drink (except water from the dispenser)
- Any type of food, whether wrapped, covered, opened or unopened unless permitted by Stewards
- Medications, Tablets, Substances, Creams, Potions, Liquids, Drugs, Prohibited Substances

Further the use, possession, or application to a greyhound (or when handling) in the kennel area of the following is prohibited unless permission has been granted by Stewards under GAR 93:

- Any type of substance, lotion, or spray
- Earplugs, eye covers, blankets, carpet or doona's
- Any other item that is not generally approved by Stewards i.e. muzzle, lead, collar
- All kennel mats must be clean and free of dirt or grime
- Greyhounds must be washed, clean and free of liniment, washes, or lotion odours
- Mobile phones, earphones, pagers, electronic equipment or personnel devices

****The use of any electronic or battery-operated device or collar on a greyhound is always prohibited.**

GAR 149 - Possession of a prohibited substance or an item that could be used to administer a prohibited substance on a racecourse or in certain motor vehicles or trailers

(1) An offence under these Rules is committed if, without the permission of a Controlling Body or the Stewards, and except in the case of an officiating veterinarian carrying standard equipment, a person has a prohibited substance or a syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to a greyhound in their possession, either on a racecourse or in any motor vehicle or trailer being used for the purpose of travelling to or from a racecourse.

GAR 93 - Kennelling procedure and security at meetings

(2) A greyhound must not be kennelled in any gear other than that directed or approved by the Stewards.

(5) The Stewards may prohibit a person bringing into the kennelling area any item which in their opinion is inappropriate, excessive in quantity, or in an unacceptable condition.





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