Part 2 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for greyhound nutrition and hydration. These standards are designed to ensure that every greyhound is provided with the food and water they need for overall health, wellbeing and development. For all nutrition and hydration requirements, please refer to page 7 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

- A greyhound’s diet must take into account physical and dental health, condition, age, size and level of activity.
- Clean water must be available at all times and water containers must be cleaned regularly.
- From the time they are fully weaned until they are 16 weeks of age, puppies must be fed at least three times a day.
- From 16 weeks of age puppies must be fed at least twice a day.
- From 6 months of age, greyhounds must be fed at least once a day.
- Food fed to greyhounds must not contain raw offal.
- Food containers and preparation areas must be kept clean and disinfected. Uneaten food should be disposed of before a fresh meal is provided.

**How does this impact me?**

- These proposed standards are based on existing standards and should have little impact on participants.

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Part 3 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for greyhound health and wellbeing. These standards are designed to ensure that every greyhound enjoys optimal health and wellbeing over the course of its life. For all health and wellbeing requirements, please refer to page 8 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

- Participants must check greyhounds in their care at least twice a day.
- Participants must have access to 24 hour veterinary advice, and seek immediate advice if a greyhound or puppy shows signs of pain, injury, ill health or distress.
- Greyhounds must be vaccinated from 6 - 8 weeks of age and vaccinations must be kept up to date.
- Participants should maintain good dental hygiene in their greyhounds. This can be achieved by routine teeth brushing, feeding of bones or dental treats, and through the use of chew toys.
- Participants must keep up to date treatment records for every greyhound in their care.
- Medications, treatments or supplements must be clearly labelled and kept in their original packaging, and stored as directed.
- Medications, treatments or supplements that have expired must be disposed of.
- Sclerosing agents must not be administered to greyhounds.

**How does this impact me?**
- These proposed standards are based on existing standards and should have little impact on participants.
- The Commission will provide templates to assist in the keeping of these treatment records.

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Part 4 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for greyhound breeding. These standards are designed to ensure that greyhounds are bred in a safe and responsible manner, resulting in healthy greyhounds and puppies. For all breeding requirements, please refer to page 12 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

Before registering a greyhound for breeding, participants must obtain written certification from a veterinarian that the greyhound is suitable for breeding.

Greyhounds, male or female, must be at least 18 months of age before they can be registered for breeding.

Female greyhounds must have no more than two litters in two years.

A pregnant greyhound must be moved to a whelping box at least three days before her estimated whelping date.

Whelping areas must be disinfected within 24 hours of the completion of whelping.

Dams must be examined twice a day for mastitis during the first two weeks post-whelp, and veterinary advice sought where mastitis is present.

Participants must seek veterinary advice if puppies are not feeding properly, or are not gaining weight.

How does this impact me?
- These proposed standards are based on existing standards and should have little impact on participants.

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Housing and Environment

Part 5 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for housing and environment. These standards are designed to ensure that every greyhound is provided with housing that provides adequate space, shelter and comfort; relative to the greyhound’s age, size, and behavioural needs. For all housing and environment requirements, please refer to page 14 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

Greyhound enclosures and perimeter fencing must be maintained to prevent injury and prevent greyhounds escaping.

Perimeter fencing must be at least 1.2m high with a secure gate.

Indoor greyhound housing areas must be adequately ventilated and kept at a temperature of 16 - 26°C.

Greyhound kennels must be a minimum kennel size of 3m² per greyhound (this is consistent with Victoria, Western Australia and ACT) and 3.5m² for greyhounds registered for breeding.

Areas where greyhounds sleep must include raised bedding that is soft, dry and large enough for them to stretch out on.

Pens and kennels must be kept clean and safe, and must be disinfected at least four times a year.

An isolation area must be available in the event a greyhound contracts a contagious disease and needs to be separated from other greyhounds.

Participants must have an evacuation plan to ensure greyhounds can be safely removed in the event of an emergency.

How does this impact me?

- Some participants may be required to upgrade their facilities
- Participants who are required to construct new kennels in order to comply with these standards may be given a proposed 10 years to comply (upon application to the Commission), unless welfare issues are identified.

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TRANSPORTING GREYHOUNDS

Part 6 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for transporting greyhounds. These standards are designed to ensure that greyhounds are transported in a safe and secure manner that supports their wellbeing. For all transport requirements, please refer to page 18 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

Greyhounds must not be transported in a manner that is likely to cause injury or undue stress.

Compartments and cages used for travel must be waterproof and ventilated.

Compartments and cages used for travel should be between 16 - 26°C.

A greyhound must have enough room to sit, stand and lie-down when travelling.

Multiple greyhounds travelling together must be individually restrained.

Compartments and cages must be kept clean, and should be disinfected at least four times a year.

Transport compartments must only be used for short-term housing whilst at race meetings or trials.

When travelling, greyhounds must be removed from the vehicle at least every two hours to drink, toilet and exercise.

How does this impact me?

- Some participants may be required to upgrade their transport
- The Commission (upon application) will work with participants to ensure they have adequate time to comply

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Part 7 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for exercise, socialisation and enrichment. These standards ensure that every greyhound, from puppies to adults, are exercised and socialised in a manner that enriches their wellbeing. For all exercise, socialisation and enrichment requirements, please refer to page 19 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

- Puppies and greyhounds must be provided daily contact with humans, and regular contact with other dogs from eight weeks of age.
- Puppies must be exposed to different people, sights, smells, sounds, experiences etc, by 16 weeks of age.
- Puppies older than 16 weeks that have not started training must have access to an area outside for play for a minimum of five hours a day.
- Participants must have a written plan detailing how the Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment standards of the code will be met for each greyhound in their care.
- Retired, pregnant or lactating greyhounds must have access to toys and an exercise yard.
- Greyhounds must not be muzzled for more than 30 minutes at a time, greyhounds under the age of nine months must not be muzzled at any time.
- Barking muzzles must not be used.

How does this impact me?
- Participants will be required to document their daily routine.
- The Commission will provide templates to support the development of these Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment plans.

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Part 8 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice outlines the proposed standards for training, trialling and racing. These standards are designed to ensure that the welfare of a greyhound is protected while it is training, trialling and racing. For all training, trialling and racing requirements, please refer to page 22 of the draft NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

Training of greyhounds must be based on positive reinforcement and reward-based methods.

Food rewards must not be attached to, or make up any part of, a lure.

Greyhounds shall only participate in trials or races at registered trials tracks or licensed race courses.

No greyhounds under 16 months can be nominated for a race or trial.

Greyhounds must be presented for examination by an On Track Veterinarian before starting in a race.

Any injury suffered by a greyhound during a trial must be reported to the steward or trial track proprietor.

A greyhound must not participate in a race or trial on consecutive days.

Greyhounds must not participate in a race or trial if the temperature exceeds 38°C.

How does this impact me?

- These standards are based on existing standards and should have little impact on participants