



# FAQS

## KENNEL INSPECTIONS

### Will stewards/inspectors attend my kennels together?

As the day-to-day duties of stewards and inspectors are different, they may attend your kennels on different days. Where possible the Commission will arrange for inspectors and stewards (if necessary) to attend your kennels at the same time. The Commission is very mindful to ensure they are as least disruptive as possible to participants and their greyhounds.

GWIC staff members, such as stewards and inspectors will conduct out of competition testing of the greyhounds nominated or engaged in the race series. They may do this once, or a number of times prior to the final event.

Inspectors will also ensure the welfare of the greyhounds, and compliance with the Rules of Racing and policies adopted by GWIC.

### Will the stewards/inspectors contact me to arrange an inspection time?

The most common kennel inspections known as 'routine' inspections, are pre-planned and arranged by phone prior to GWIC Inspectors arriving at a time suitable for the participant.

'Targeted' inspections that either form part of an investigation, or where a high animal welfare or integrity risk has been identified, do not require notification from GWIC Inspectors prior to their arrival.

### Will stewards/inspectors attend my property in the lead-up to a race series?

If you have a greyhound nominated or engaged to race in a series, it is likely the stewards and/or inspectors will attend your property at some stage, prior to the final. This may occur regardless of whether you have had an inspection recently.

### Will stewards/inspectors adhere to biosecurity measures when attending my kennels?

Yes, both stewards and inspectors comply with biosecurity measures in relation to all properties they attend. They also take advice with respect to biosecurity from the Commission's Chief Veterinary Officer.

If you have any concerns or special requirements, please speak with the attending steward or inspector.

### Do I need to report any biosecurity issues at my property to stewards and inspectors?

If you suspect that any of your greyhounds or other animals on your property are unwell, please seek advice from your veterinarian and notify any attending GWIC staff members immediately.

### **What if I am not home when the stewards/inspectors attend?**

If you are not at home, the steward or inspector may contact you and advise you of their attendance at your property. They may request that you return home if you are able to. If you are unable to attend your property when stewards or inspectors attend, you may be able to nominate another registered person to be present during the inspection.

If you or a registered person nominated by you cannot be present, the steward or inspector will discuss with you attending your kennel address at another time

In exceptional circumstances, Commission inspectors can use their powers under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* to access your kennels. These occasions are rare and would only occur where an inspector holds concerns for the health or welfare of a greyhound on that property.

### **Can I refuse stewards/inspectors entry to my kennels?**

Any attempt to obstruct the stewards or inspectors when carrying out their duties is an offence under the Rules of Racing and *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* and may result in the taking of disciplinary action.

In relation to residential premises, Inspectors and Stewards can only enter residential premises with your consent or the authority of a search warrant.

If you have any concerns about the attendance or conduct of stewards or inspectors, please contact the Chief Inspector on 1800 951 755.

### **Am I obliged to keep treatment records and present them to stewards/inspectors?**

Yes, under the Rules of Racing you must maintain treatment records, and you must present them to the steward or inspector upon request. Failure to do so may result in disciplinary action.

### **If my kennels are found to be non-compliant with the Rules of Racing or any GWIC policies, such as the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training, can I still race in a series?**

Trainers are reminded that they have an obligation to ensure their kennels comply with the Rules of Racing and all policies adopted by GWIC such as the Code of Practice for Breeding, Rearing and Education and the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Greyhounds in Training.

If your kennels are found to be non-compliant with the Rules of Racing or any of GWIC's policies, disciplinary action may be taken against you. This may mean that you are not able to participate further in a race series as conditions may be imposed on your registration such as a suspension or disqualification. Other sanctions may also be imposed under the Rules of Racing or the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*.