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## **Commission reminds participants of acceptable training equipment**

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission is reminding participants of the Greyhound Racing Rules when it comes to using lures for training greyhounds in NSW.

Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said that Local Rule 86A clearly states that lures must be made of synthetic materials only.

“The use of furs, skins, meat or other animal matter as training lures is absolutely not acceptable under the rules,” Ms Lind said.

“Local rule 86A, that specifies the use of synthetic lures only, was introduced on 20 April 2015, and the industry has had ample time to adjust training practices in line with standards that prioritise animal welfare.”

“The Commission’s approach to investigating and penalising rule breaches for possession and/or use of animal derived lures is necessary and in line with regulatory action taken in other jurisdictions, with a Tasmanian trainer recently disqualified for life for the possession of a wallaby skin at his kennel address” said Ms Lind.

“The Tasmanian case is a timely reminder for all participants to ensure their training practices are compliant with current rules and standards.”

“Whilst the majority of participants have been willing and cooperative in their compliance with new policies, rules and reforms across the industry, the Commission will continue to target those who are doing the wrong thing and in doing so, putting the reputation of the industry at risk.”

The Commission also takes this opportunity to emphasise the importance of participants familiarising themselves with the Rules of Racing which can be viewed in full on the [Commission’s website](#).

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