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GREYHOUND RACE DEATHS AT AN ALL TIME LOW

The Greyhound Welfare Integrity Commission, established by the NSW Government on 1 July 2018, has recently reported that the incidences of greyhound deaths at race meetings in NSW is at a record low.

“The Commission has noted some recent commentary regarding the number of greyhounds euthanized as a result of racing injuries over the past twelve months at certain tracks and wants to ensure that these are viewed within the right context,” Ms Lind said.

“When viewed within the context of the over 81,000 greyhounds raced during this period, the number of catastrophic injuries at the track over the past twelve months is the lowest since reporting began, at a rate of 0.6 per 1000 starts.”

To increase transparency, apart from daily Stewards reports, the Commission continues to release quarterly data in relation to track deaths and injuries. These are publicly available on the Commission’s [website](#).

“The Commission has a very important and active role in reducing race day injuries and fatalities. The Commission’s On Track Veterinarians collect real-time data on all track injuries with all major injuries scrutinised by the Commission’s Injury Review Panel with a view to implementing improved welfare policies and safer race operations,” Ms Lind said

The injury data is also analysed by University of Technology Sydney with the outcomes used over time to optimise track design and safety.

“The death of any greyhound as a result of a racing injury is very distressing and traumatising for everyone involved; and while lower death and injury rates are welcome, the Commission will continue to focus on reducing them further and is working hard with Greyhound Racing NSW, the Greyhound Breeders, Owners and Trainers Association and the greyhound racing fraternity to make this happen.”

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