

FAQ RACE INJURY REBATE SCHEME

Who can apply (sign consent form)?

Owners, trainers, or an authorised agent for an owner registered with GWIC or another recognized Greyhound Racing Authority can apply and sign Part B of the application form.

Is my greyhound eligible?

If your greyhound was seriously injured during a race meeting or during qualifying or Club trials at a NSW Registered Greyhound Track then your greyhound is eligible.

What about injuries sustained at trials?

Only injuries sustained during qualifying and official Club trials will be eligible for consideration under the scheme. Other trials, for example trials at private trial facilities are not included in the scheme. The qualifying and club trials must be staffed by a GWIC On-Track Veterinarian (OTV) and/or a NSW Registered Greyhound Club Manager at the time the injury is sustained.

What is a 'serious injury'?

Any potentially career-ending injury given an incapacitation period of 42 days (6 weeks) or more and consistent with the GWIC definition of a Major II or Catastrophic injury is considered eligible.

Examples of the types of injuries that would be eligible are:

- Long bone fractures;
- Severe spinal, pelvic or skull injuries;
- Major fracture dislocations, a joint dislocation above and including the wrist or hock;
- Achilles tendon ruptures;

Examples of injuries that are NOT eligible are:

- a single metacarpal or metatarsal fracture;
- a toe (phalangeal and/or sesamoid) fracture;
- a tail fracture;
- a metacarpal-phalangeal or metatarsal-phalangeal dislocation;
- a toe dislocation;
- a tail dislocation;

How much is reimbursed?

GRNSW will pay all reasonable off-track veterinary costs for treatment of a greyhound admitted into the scheme, up to a maximum of \$2,500 including GST (and in exceptional cases, a greater amount).

Where the cost exceeds \$2,500 the GRNSW General Manager Welfare gives approval for the treatment to be covered above the scheme cap when application is made by the authorized agent. GRNSW will not fund any costs associated with euthanasing a greyhound unless the veterinarian has used appropriate imaging methods to make a diagnosis and provides a report on the findings that the prognosis for recovery as a companion animal is very poor/hopeless.

Does the rebate apply to x-rays and ultrasounds?

Yes, the financial assistance provided under the rebate scheme can go towards diagnostic testing such as x-rays, ultrasounds, blood tests etc. that may be required to provide an accurate diagnosis/prognosis for your seriously injured greyhound.

How to apply

1. Read the criteria in the Policy and check your greyhound is eligible.
2. Complete the RIR form that can be found on the GRNSW website www.grnsw.com.au under the welfare tab:
3. Discuss your intention with the GWIC on-track veterinarian (OTV) or NSW Registered Greyhound Club Manager and ask them to complete Part A of the form and detail the injury.
4. Authorised agent is then to complete Part B of form.
5. Treating vet then completes Part C of the form.
6. Please submit the completed form along with the Veterinary treatment report and Tax Invoice(s) to Greyhound Racing NSW by email to vets@grnsw.com.au or by post addressed to: GRNSW Racing Injury Rebate, PO Box 698, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300

If assistance is required with your application, please contact Greyhound Racing NSW's Welfare Scheme team on 02 8324 7601 or email vets@grnsw.com.au.

Which vet should I go to?

You may use any veterinarian registered to practice and operate in NSW. The OTV may recommend a veterinary clinic or hospital in your area. In exceptional circumstances treatment may need to be provided interstate in which case proceeding with the treatment will require prior approval by the GRNSW General Manager Welfare.

Why has my application been rejected?

The rebate scheme only applies to specific, serious and potentially career-ending injuries for greyhounds that have been given an incapacitation period of 42 days (6 weeks) or more. Make sure you check this with the OTV or treating veterinarian and that this is clearly described in their veterinary examination form or clinical notes. If the OTV or off-track vet that you go to has carried out euthanasia without undertaking appropriate imaging methodology and providing the required report to GRNSW, you will not be eligible for financial assistance under the scheme.

Please note, the personal or financial circumstances of any individual owner/trainer are not considered in the rebate scheme application. Eligibility for the rebate scheme is

determined on your greyhound and its injury/injuries.

My greyhound is eligible for \$2,500 under the rebate scheme but I need more financial assistance, what can I do?

You or your veterinarian may apply to GRNSW for further funding under exceptional cases. These requests are only considered if the original rebate scheme application is granted. Exceptional cases are to be addressed to the GRNSW General Manager Welfare by email yets@grnsw.com.au or by post to: GRNSW Race Injury Rebate, PO BOX 698, Darlinghurst, NSW 1300.