Greyhound Rehoming Policy



The Commission has revised its Rehoming Policy so that it supports and underpins the industry's commitment to achieving zero unnecessary euthanasia.

The new policy will take effect from 1 May 2023.



KEY CHANGES TO THE POLICY

- Participants are no longer allowed to surrender retired greyhounds to a NSW or interstate facility that conducts animal research, animal plasma or blood collection.
- Greyhounds can only be rehomed to Council pounds with prior approval of the Commission.
- The making of two genuine attempts to rehome and notifying GWIC of the intent to euthanise is no longer permitted.
- A greyhound can be euthanised if it has bitten a person (with medical evidence) or it has failed a temperament assessment by a veterinary practitioner or other person approved by GRNSW.

A greyhound can only be euthanised where:

- a veterinarian certifies that euthanasia is necessary for the welfare of the greyhound (medical euthanasia)
- it has been declared a dangerous dog under s 34 of the Companion Animals Act or by court order
- there is history of the greyhound biting a person (including medical evidence)
- it has failed a temperament assessment by a veterinary practitioner or other person approved by GRNSW.

A notice of intention to euthanise is no longer required for the above circumstances.

It is the responsibility of all greyhound owners to adhere to the requirements of the Rehoming Policy.