



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Greyhound tracking program confirms welfare of pups**

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has released the results of their Tracking of Registered Greyhounds compliance program for the first litters of puppies registered with the Commission.

Chief Executive Officer, Judy Lind, said the program was conducted to identify the location and progress of all 528 pups whelped between 1 July – 30 September 2018.

“The program has provided the Commission with an indication of participant compliance with their responsibilities to report the current locations of their greyhounds by lodging kennel notifications and ownership transfers with the Commission,” Ms Lind said.

“Kennel notifications and ownership transfers is one way for the Commission to track the whereabouts of greyhounds from rearing to racing and retirement.”

Results of the program found the vast majority of pups remain with their original owners or breeders, while some had been transferred to new owners or commenced training.

“Contact with participants during the program was well received, with 85% of participants found to be meeting their reporting obligations,” Ms Lind said.

“Though the majority of participants were compliant, in circumstances where the Commission was not advised of a change, participants were advised of their requirements.”

“This program was a good opportunity for the Commission to educate participants on their obligations when it comes to submitting kennel notifications and ownership transfers. In particular, the Commission is keen to remind participants that they must report the current location of their unnamed greyhounds as well as all other greyhounds in their custody.”

The Commission’s Tracking of Registered Greyhounds Program is an ongoing activity that will focus on various groups of greyhounds as they progress through their careers in the industry. This program provides an important assurance that the whereabouts of all registered greyhounds in NSW is known.

The Commission is also pleased to announce that an online mechanism to report owner transfers will soon be available with online kennel notifications to follow. This will reduce paperwork burdens on participants and make it easy to readily comply with notification requirements.

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