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Commission keeps a close eye on exports

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has released analysis relating to the number of greyhounds exported from NSW between 1 January and 31 March 2019.

Using the Federal Department of Agriculture and Water Resources (DAWR) data in relation to all greyhounds exported from Australia, the Commission looks into the circumstances of all exported greyhounds to ensure compliance requirements are being met. This includes both the origin and destination of all greyhounds leaving Australia.

“NSW greyhound racing participants have an obligation to notify the Commission when a registered greyhound is being exported and I’m pleased to say that they are meeting their obligations,” Ms Lind said.

A total of 28 NSW registered greyhounds were exported to New Zealand between 1 January and 31 March 2019.

“26 of those greyhounds were registered with the Commission and have been exported as racing greyhounds and 2 were registered as companion animals, but we could identify them as previously being registered for racing in NSW,” Ms Lind said.

The Commission’s analysis of greyhounds being exported to New Zealand has indicated that all appropriate procedures were followed and no welfare concerns were identified.

“No issues of concern relating to welfare or improper conduct were identified during this quarter,” Ms Lind said.

Nationally, 52 greyhounds were exported in the first quarter of 2019. 47 were exported to New Zealand as both racing and companion animals and five were exported (outside of NSW) as companion animals to other countries including United States, Portugal, Singapore and Republic of Ireland.

“The Commission will continue to undertake its analysis of exports to ensure industry participants meet their obligations and that welfare risks are identified and dealt with accordingly,” Ms Lind said.

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