

Greyhound Check-in Policy

Purpose	The purpose of this Policy is to protect greyhound welfare by ensuring that the whereabouts of all greyhounds registered in NSW is known. The Commission's eTrac system is designed to track registered greyhounds and monitor their activity. Data from a greyhound's microchip is uploaded into eTrac to update the greyhound register. This Policy requires registered greyhound industry participants to ensure that their greyhounds are 'checked in' at regular intervals.
Scope	This Policy applies to all greyhound racing industry participants registered and any greyhound registered in NSW.
Related Policies	• Greyhound Rehoming Policy
Relevant Rules	• LR34B, Provision of information relating to a greyhound • R156 (w), General offences
Definitions	In this document: “Check-in” means a form of contact approved by the Commission. Approved forms of contact are listed in section 3. “Approved Check-In Location” means a location approved by the Commission to scan greyhounds for the purposes of checking them in. A list of approved check-in locations can be found online at https://www.gwic.nsw.gov.au/welfare/etrac/etrac-check-map “Next Check-in Due Date” means the date by which a greyhound must be checked-in. A greyhound's Check-in Due Date is listed in eTrac and is included in any check-in notifications sent to its custodian. “Racing” greyhound means a greyhound that is registered and has a status on the register of “racing”. This commences once the greyhound is named. “Retired” greyhound means a greyhound that is registered and has a status on the register of “retired”. “Unnamed” greyhound means a greyhound that is registered and has a status on the register of “unnamed”.

Breach	A failure to comply with this Policy may result in disciplinary action under the <i>Greyhound Racing Act 2017</i> .
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1. Requirement to check-in greyhound	All NSW registered greyhounds must be checked in within the prescribed timeframe. This requirement also applies to greyhounds registered in NSW but located interstate. The prescribed timeframes for check-in are: a) Racing greyhound must be checked-in at least once every 6 months. b) Retired and unnamed greyhounds must be checked-in at least once every 12 months. A greyhound must be checked in by its 'Next Check-in Due Date'. The Commission may direct a participant to present a greyhound to a specific place to be checked in.
2. Responsibilities of participants	Participants must ensure that a greyhound is checked in before the greyhound's next Check-in Due Date. Greyhound owners who do not have custody of their greyhound(s) are responsible for ensuring that the custodian of their greyhound is aware of the greyhound's 'Next Check-in Due Date', and that the custodian is able to check the greyhound in by the Due Date. Participants are required to notify the Commission as soon as possible if they have exceptional circumstances that may prevent them from completing their greyhound's check-in before the Due Date.
3. Accepted forms of contact	For the purposes of this Policy, accepted forms of contact include: a) The greyhound starts in a NSW or interstate race meeting b) The greyhound is scanned at an Approved Check-In Location c) A current vaccination certificate relating to the greyhound is submitted d) A breeding application relating to the greyhound is submitted e) A Whelping Notice relating to the greyhound is submitted f) The greyhound is microchipped g) A veterinary health and fitness certificate relating to the greyhound is submitted h) The greyhound is scanned by a GWIC Inspector during a kennel

	inspection i) A change in ownership of the greyhound is approved j) A kennel or trainer transfer relating to the greyhound is approved k) A Retirement Notification relating to the greyhound is approved l) Naming the greyhound m) A breeding/racing lease relating to the greyhound is approved n) DNA test results for the greyhound are received Other methods of check-in may be accepted by the Commission on a case by case basis.
4. Greyhounds located interstate	NSW-owned greyhounds located interstate remain subject to the requirements of this Policy. The same accepted forms of contact apply to greyhounds residing outside NSW. Additionally, the Commission may accept confirmation from the relevant interstate controlling body that a staff member has sighted and verified the identity of the greyhound. This confirmation must include the date on which the identification occurred.
5. Recording Check-In Dates	Check-ins are recorded based on the date that the activity occurred rather than the date on which evidence of the activity is submitted. For example, if a vaccination certificate is provided, the check-in date will reflect the date the vaccination was administered, as shown on the certificate. To satisfy a greyhound's current check-in requirement, the approved form of contact must occur within the prescribed timeframe. Check-ins completed more than 6 months prior for racing greyhounds, or more than 12 months prior for pre-racing and retired greyhounds, will not meet the current check-in requirement.
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