

Public Accounts and Estimates Committee
Inquiry into the 2025-26 Budget Estimates

QUESTION ON NOTICE

Asked by: AIV PUGLIELLI

Question: What does it mean when a greyhound's trainer is removed from FastTrack? And can I confirm: are those dogs still under someone's care?

Reply:

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) has advised that under the Rules of Racing (the Rules), a registered person must as soon as possible notify a Controlling Body that a greyhound has come into, or left, the person's care or custody. After this notification is received, FastTrack is updated.

There are a number of reasons a greyhound may not have a trainer listed against it on FastTrack, such as spelling, changing trainers, or transferring interstate. Unless a dog is deceased or retired, it remains under someone's care, in accordance with both the Rules of Racing and the *Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds*.

Whilst the greyhound remains in the care and custody of a GRV registered person, the Rules and the the Code continue to apply.

Under the Rules:

- A person must ensure that any greyhound in the person's care or custody, is at all times provided with (amongst other things):
 - veterinary attention when necessary; and
 - appropriate treatment for the greyhound if the person is in charge of a sick or injured greyhound.
- A person must exercise the care and supervision necessary to prevent a greyhound under the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, or from anything which is likely to lead to unnecessary pain or suffering.
- A person shall not cause or permit, on any premises owned or occupied by that person, any condition that is likely to be dangerous to the health, welfare or safety of that greyhound.

GRV Investigative Stewards undertake in excess of 2,800 annual participant property inspections to ensure compliance with both the Rules and the Code.

Failure to provide satisfactory treatment or veterinary care is a serious offence under the Rules, and offenders will be charged and prosecuted by GRV Stewards before the Victorian Racing Tribunal.

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Question: If the cause for [a greyhound's] removal from a trainer is injury, is Greyhound Racing Victoria aware if veterinary care has been provided?

Reply:

GRV has advised that injury would not be a reason for the removal of a trainer for a greyhound from FastTrack.



Hon Anthony Carbines MP
Minister for Racing