

Important Information for Breeders

New Breeding Rules come into effect 1st July 2015

Registration as a 'Breeding Female'

As part of the National greyhound Welfare Strategy, a number of new rules relating to breeding are set to commence 1st July 2015. These rules are aimed at improving the health and welfare of our breeding females, and to minimise the number of greyhounds puppies bred that may not be suitable for racing.

GAR 127 (6) A bitch shall not be used for breeding purposes unless registered as a 'breeding female'.

If you have any female greyhounds that you plan to breed after the 1st of July, it is important you understand what you will have to do to ensure they are eligible to be served when they are next in season.

New Breeding Stock

To register a greyhound for breeding a breeder will need to apply to RWWA. Once approved, they will be issued with a pink coloured ID card for that greyhound.

To qualify for registration as a Breeding Female, you will need to:

- Have your greyhound DNA fingerprinted & confirmed – kits are available through Greyhounds Australasia
- Provide a vaccination certificate showing that your greyhound has been vaccinated to C5 level and that the vaccination is current – i.e. that the date for the next booster vaccination has not passed.
- Apply to RWWA - Applications will be available via Standard form available on www.rwwa.com.au
- All Breeding Female in Western Australia must be microchipped*
- Managing Owner must be registered as a Breeder in Western Australia

Existing Breeding Stock

Even if your greyhound has had one or more litters, **you will still need to apply to register her as a 'breeding female'**. As she will already have a DNA certificate, application only requires that you:

- Provide a vaccination certificate showing that your greyhound has been vaccinated to C5 level and that the vaccination is current – i.e. that the date for the next booster vaccination has not passed.
- Apply to RWWA - Applications will be available via Standard form available on www.rwwa.com.au
- All Breeding Female in Western Australia must be microchipped*
- Managing Owner must be registered as a Breeder in Western Australia

**In Western Australia as of 1 November 2015 all greyhounds must be microchipped and in order to assist with this process the requirement for a microchip to be present in a "Breeding Female" has been added to the National registration requirements. Western Australia has also added the requirement that the managing owner of a breeding female must be registered with RWWA as a Breeder.*

Once approved, you will be issued with a pink coloured ID card for that greyhound.

At present applications for existing breeding females are FEE FREE!!

Breeding Restrictions

Age Restriction

As soon as your female greyhound turns eight years of age, her registration as a Breeding Female will become 'Inactive' and you will not be able to breed her again unless the criteria in rule GAR 127 (10) are met.

GAR 127 (10) The owner of a breeding female, or the person with authority to breed that female, shall not cause her to be mated if that breeding female is over eight (8) years of age without prior veterinary certification of appropriate health and fitness, and the approval of the Controlling Body in writing. The Controlling Body approval granted under this sub-rule will be to allow one (1) service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination. The veterinary certification must be obtained within 120 days prior to the date of the service.

3 Litter Maximum

Once your female whelps her third litter (regardless of who bred each litter), her Breeding Female status will become 'Inactive' and she will not be able to be bred again unless the criteria in rule GAR 127 (11) are met.

GAR 127 (11) A breeding female cannot be used for breeding more than three (3) litters without prior veterinary certification of appropriate health and fitness for further litters, and the approval of the Controlling Body in writing. The Controlling Body approval granted under this sub-rule will be to allow one (1) additional service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination. The veterinary certification must be obtained within 120 days prior to the date of the additional service.

Litter Frequency

If your female whelps two litters close together (i.e. bred at two consecutive seasons) her Breeding Female status will fall 'Inactive' to ensure that she cannot be served again where the result would breach this rule. If she is a 'six-month' cyler, this will mean she will be forced to rest one season before being mated again, allowing her body time to recover, and allowing her pups to reach an age where their ability can be assessed.

GAR 127 (12) The owner of a breeding female, or the person with authority to breed that female, shall not cause her to whelp more than two (2) litters in any 18 month period.

Identity Confirmation

It is the Owner and /or Studmaster responsibility to ensure the validation check has been done. If in any doubt, the breeding female should not be inseminated. Should an insemination occur and it is later detected that she was ineligible because she was not registered as a breeding female, then it's the owner who'll be held accountable.

R127A (1) Prior to any service or artificial insemination, the appropriate registered person shall, by reference to its Greyhound Breeding Identification Card, positively identify the breeding female presented to be served or inseminated. The appropriate registered person shall also, prior to any service or artificial insemination, confirm that the breeding female is currently eligible for breeding. Should there be any doubt over the identity of the breeding female or her eligibility for breeding, the person carrying out the identity examination shall, forthwith, inform the Controlling Body of the doubt and ensure that the breeding female is not served or inseminated until the doubt has been resolved.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS

R127 (8)(c) Evidence of a current vaccination status against parovirus, hepatitis, canine distemper, parainfluenza virus and bordetella bronchiseptica (C5) issued by a veterinary surgeon to its sex, colour, ear branding and/ or microchip identifications and stating the next vaccination/ booster due date.

R127 (8) (d) The period of registration will be for one (1) year from the current vaccination date pursuant to sub-rule (c).

Please Note: Ongoing registration as a Breeding Female will require you to maintain current vaccination status – details of booster vaccinations will need to be provided each year or she will not be eligible for breeding.

If you have any questions in relation to your greyhound's eligibility for breeding, please contact RWWA-Licensing & Registration on 08 9445 5558.