

## GREYHOUND RACING NOTICE

### UN-REGISTERED AND IMPROPERLY PRESCRIBED/SUPPLIED MEDICATIONS

Greyhound Trainers, Veterinarians and other industry participants should be aware of recent amendments to Local Greyhound Rule of Racing LR 85 (effective 28 February 2017) which now states:

#### **LR85 Possession of Substances**

- (1) Any person commits an offence, if in the exercise of the powers afforded by Rule 18 and Local Rule 18, the Stewards find them to be in possession of or have on their premises any substance or preparation that has not been registered or labelled, or prescribed, dispensed or obtained, in compliance with the relevant State or Commonwealth legislation.*
- (2) The Stewards may take possession of any substance mentioned in sub rule (1) and may use it as evidence in any relevant proceeding.*
- (3) For the purposes of this Rule, if any substance is found at any premises used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds, then any person who owns, trains, races or is in charge of greyhounds at these premises is deemed to have the substance in their possession.*

*It shall be a defence to a charge pursuant to this Rule, for the person in possession of such substance, or having such substance on their premises, to prove that the substance was prescribed for use by them by either a qualified medical practitioner or veterinarian.*

This Rule makes it an offence for a trainer (or anyone else in charge of greyhounds in training or racing) to have in their possession prescription medicines (whether Veterinary or human) that have not been properly prescribed; or unregistered veterinary chemical products.

#### Prescription Animal Remedies (Schedule 4 medicines)

All Prescription Animal Remedies must have a Veterinary prescription label attached to the bottle or container in which the medicine is prescribed. Trainers therefore are expected to ensure that all Prescription Animal Remedies supplied to them by a Veterinarian have a Veterinary prescription label attached and that this label remains with the medicine at all times for the life of the product for inspection by Stewards. It is an offence under this Rule for a licensed person to be in possession of Prescription Animal Remedies that do not have the required prescription label attached at the time of inspection by Stewards and penalties will apply.

#### Unregistered medications and substances

It is an offence under this rule for a trainer to have un-registered substances, that require registration under State and Commonwealth legislation, in their possession and penalties may apply.

As an example all injectable products for animals must be registered medicines under Commonwealth legislation.

Trainers are warned about the dangers of using un-registered substances on greyhounds that are in training or racing as un-registered substances may be;

- of unknown composition,

- contain substances either prohibited or banned in racing leading to a risk of a positive in a race day sample,
- contain materials dangerous or harmful to an animal's health or welfare,
- may contain contaminants due to poor quality control in manufacture,
- may constitute a contravention of Commonwealth and State regulations regarding the supply and use of these preparations.

Examples of unregistered injectable products that may contravene Commonwealth and State legislation include but are not limited to; Tone 2000, Power K9, Merolin and Promote.

Herbal medications are often of unknown composition and may contain substances either prohibited or banned in racing and their use in greyhounds may contravene the rules of racing.

**Industry participants are urged to examine their kennel medicine supplies for unregistered medicines, prescription (S4) medicines that are not properly labelled by a Veterinarian and medicines beyond their expiry date, and dispose of such products appropriately. Trainers should consult with their Veterinarian or the RWWA Veterinarian if they are unsure as to whether a product is registered or not.**

Trainers are reminded to always seek professional advice whenever any greyhound is treated with any Veterinary medicine or other preparation that may contain a prohibited substance.