

FACT SHEET – Applications for Breeding Exemptions

AGE RESTRICTION - R127 (10) – Breeding females over the age of eight years

and

THREE LITTER MAXIMUM - R127 (11) – Breeding a fourth or subsequent litter

Once your female greyhound:

- turns eight (8) years of age, or
- whelps her third litter (regardless of who bred each litter)

her registration as a breeding female will become inactive.

Under the new Rules, she will **not** be able to breed again **unless** you are granted approval from RWWA.

In order to seek approval, you will need to complete the **Breeding Exemption Application** and submit it to RWWA. In the application form, you will need to complete details about your female greyhound's breeding history.

You will also be required to obtain a veterinary certificate demonstrating that your breeding female is fit and healthy to breed. The subsequent service or insemination must be completed within 120 days of the veterinary certificate date, otherwise the breeding female's registration will again become inactive.

If you are granted approval, you will be permitted one (1) additional service or insemination regardless of the result. If you wish to arrange an additional service or insemination, you will need to fill out another form and submit it to RWWA for approval.

NOTES:

The issuing by RWWA of a Greyhound Breeding Identification Card only signifies that the breeding female has initially been registered for breeding purposes and does not mean that her registration is still active at any point in time. Studmasters, registered persons performing inseminations and breeders must always confirm that the breeding female is currently eligible for breeding.

*For the purposes of breeding exemption applications, a **LITTER** is defined as the collection of pups, either all live, all deceased or a combination of both, which resulted from a single whelping.*

Criteria for Processing Breeding Exemptions

The intention of the new breeding Rules is to ensure that breeders make more informed breeding decisions, especially in relation to the use of older breeding females or those that have had multiple litters, have more positive outcomes from that breeding activity and also to reduce the number of greyhounds that fail to be competitive. This will lead to a reduction of the number of healthy greyhounds who are unsuitable for racing.

Ultimately, RWWA's decision to grant or refuse an application for a breeding exemption will be based on the breeding history of the female greyhound, whether she is fit and healthy, and whether she has previously whelped pups that have been named, raced and been successful on the track.

The following criteria will be assessed for each application for a breeding exemption:

1. **This application form must be completed in full, signed and include all the necessary details and supporting documents;**
2. **The Owner (or person with the authority to breed) must be licensed as a Breeder. In the case of an Ownership Group or Syndicate, the Managing Owner must be licensed as a Breeder;**
3. **The breeding premises must not be subject to any outstanding work directives arising out of any inspections conducted by RWAA Stewards;**
4. **The female greyhound must either be currently registered as a Breeding Female or a fully completed application form must have been lodged with RWAA;**
5. **The female greyhound's breeding history must demonstrate success. Success will be assessed using the following measures:**
 - a. Percentage of the total number of greyhounds **named** against the total number of live pups **whelped** (from all litters)
This percentage must be greater than 80%
 - b. Percentage of the total number of greyhounds that **started** in a race against the total number of pups **named** (from all litters)
This percentage must be greater than 80%
 - c. Percentage of the total number of greyhounds that **won** a race against the total number of pups **named** (from all litters)
This percentage must be greater than 60%
6. **Dog must be fit and healthy to breed – Veterinary Certificate**

Participants are required to obtain a veterinary certificate demonstrating that the breeding female is fit and healthy to breed.

A veterinary health and fitness check list is included with this application form and must be completed and signed by a RWAA approved Veterinarian as part of this application.

Applications that fall just under the above success criteria, or include comments demonstrating why prior litters were not a success, may be referred to a RWAA Breeding Panel.

Once RWAA has considered the application for breeding exemption you will be notified in writing of the outcome of that decision.

Further Information

Breeders must familiarize themselves with all Breeding Rules and R127 in particular. Further information together with application forms can be viewed on the RWAA website under Racing Services / Greyhounds / Licensing & Rego on www.rwaa.com.au

If in any doubt about a current breeding female registration or if you have any questions, please contact RWAA Licensing & Registrations on (08) 9445 5558 for more information.