



Amendments to be made to Treatment Record requirements in Greyhounds Australasia Rules

Notice to trainers – Amendment to GAR 84A Treatment records to be kept, clarifying need for the person in charge of a greyhound to make records on the day of the treatment

On 1 March 2018, Greyhounds Australasia will introduce a change to GAR 84A (2) Treatment records to be kept as follows:

- (1) The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and medical treatments administered to a greyhound from the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care and for a minimum of two (2) years. Such record of treatment must be produced for inspection when requested by a Steward or a person authorised by the Controlling Body. Any person responsible for a greyhound at the relevant time who fails to comply with any provision of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.*
- (2) Each record of treatment kept in accordance with this rule must be made by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given and, as a minimum requirement, include the following information:*
 - a) Name of the greyhound;*
 - b) Date and time of administration of the treatment;*
 - c) Name of the treatment (brand name or active constituent);*
 - d) Route of administration;*
 - e) Amount given;*
 - f) Name and signature of person or persons administering and/or authorising treatment.*

For the purposes of sub-rule (2) “day” means the 24 hour period from 12:01am to 12 midnight on any calendar day.

- (3) For the purposes of this rule “treatment” includes:*
 - a) All Controlled Drugs (Schedule 8) administered by a veterinarian;*
 - b) All Prescription Animal Remedies and Prescription Only Medicines (Schedule 4);*

- c) Any injectable substance not already specified in this Rule;*
- d) All Pharmacist Only (Schedule 3) and Pharmacy Only (Schedule 2) medicines;*
- e) All veterinary and other substances containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances.*

Participants are advised that these are the minimum requirements required under the Greyhounds Australasia Rules, and additional recording obligations may be required under various Codes of Practice (CoP) operating in each state or territory. As per the introduction of this rule in 2014, participants are encouraged to record all treatments administered to greyhounds under their care, however unless a CoP requires otherwise, participants need only keep a record of treatment for greyhounds over the age of 16 months until it is retired from racing. A registered person must keep this record for a minimum of two years after either retirement of the greyhound or the greyhound leaving the care of that person.

Participants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with this rule and the amendments to ensure that their treatment records are compliant. The amendments now require participants to record the time as well as the date that the treatment was administered, and must make that record by midnight on the day of the treatment.

Greyhounds Australasia has implemented these minor rule changes to better align with other Australian racing codes and to address some concerns raised during Stewards inquiries. The amendments give further clarity for participants and controlling bodies are hopeful there will be a reduction in non-compliance with this rule now that the requirements are clearer.

Compliance with these rules will be enforced by state controlling bodies through all available means, including regular kennel inspections that will include inspection of medications and treatment records. Trainers who do not comply with the amendments of GAR 84A may find themselves subject to disciplinary proceedings by their controlling body.

For further information please contact your controlling body.