



Restrictions on Raceday Treatment to be introduced into the Greyhounds Australasia Rules

An essential principle of greyhound racing is that greyhounds are to compete free of prohibited substances to ensure a level playing field for all participants.

To assist this, on 1 September 2015, Greyhounds Australasia will introduce restrictions on race day treatment of greyhounds within GAR 83A as follows:

“(1) No person without the permission of the Stewards may administer or cause to be administered any treatment to a greyhound at any time on the day of the meeting until that greyhound is no longer presented for an Event.

(2) The Stewards may order that any greyhound that has been administered a treatment in contravention of sub-rule (1) of this Rule be withdrawn from an Event.

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.”*

Therefore no “treatment” can be given to a greyhound on race day (i.e. the calendar day from 12:00am or midnight) until it is removed from the racecourse after the completion of that Event with the permission of the stewards pursuant to Rule 42(2) or is scratched with the permission of the stewards.

Where a “treatment” is required to be given daily e.g. oestrous suppression, this can be given after the greyhound has completed its engagement in an Event and left the racecourse.

The officiating Veterinary Surgeon has the permission of Stewards to treat greyhounds on the racecourse as required in conducting their official duties.

Importantly no injectables, controlled drugs (S8), prescription medicines (S4), pharmacist only (S3) or pharmacy only (S2) medicines, or other prohibited substances should be given to greyhounds on race day under any circumstances.

Only normal feeding and supplementation that can be achieved by the greyhound voluntarily eating or drinking can be considered acceptable on the day of racing.

For further information please contact your state controlling body.