

# **HYPOXIA POLICY**

## **Hypoxic ataxia and collapse**

- 1** A greyhound deemed by the OTV to have “mild” hypoxia, post race (i.e. greyhound does not collapse), the Owner/Trainer/Attendant would be cautioned and this would subsequently be recorded in the Steward’s report and on the bandages list. Greyhounds continuously displaying symptoms shall be monitored visually, after each race, by the OTV.
  
- 2** Should a greyhound exhibit signs of a more serious state of hypoxia, post race (i.e. defined as significant – greyhound collapsing or would collapse if not supported by handler), the greyhound shall be stood down for 6 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under R74 to be conducted in the presence of the OTV. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by OTV for any signs of hypoxia. Should the OTV report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
  
- 3** Should the same greyhound be deemed by the OTV to have significant hypoxia, post race and on a second occasion that greyhound shall be stood down for 14 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under R74 to be conducted in the presence of the OTV. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by OTV for any signs of hypoxia. Should the OTV report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
  
- 4** Should the same greyhound be deemed by the OTV to have significant hypoxia, post race and on a third occasion that greyhound shall be stood down for 21 days and placed on one satisfactory solo trial under R74 to be conducted in the presence of the OTV. At completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by OTV for any signs of hypoxia. Should the OTV report any signs of hypoxia being present then trial will not be considered to have been completed to the satisfaction of the Stewards.
  
- 5** Diagnosis by the OTV of a fourth post race, significant hypoxia, shall result in consideration as to the suitability of the greyhound’s racing future.