

RWWA Stewards - Notice to Trainers - Gastrointestinal illness in Greyhounds

RWWA Stewards advise that there are recent reports of a gastrointestinal illness affecting greyhounds in kennels in Western Australia.

Trainers are advised to monitor their greyhounds for signs of illness which may include vomiting and/or diarrhea.

Trainers are reminded not to present any greyhound showing signs of illness to any racing venue and further to isolate any greyhound with signs of gastrointestinal illness from any unaffected greyhounds.

Trainers with affected greyhounds are reminded to seek veterinary advice and treatment from their attending veterinarian.

Further precautions that can be taken include applying appropriate hygienic procedures which will include;

- Isolation of affected greyhounds.
- Disinfection of kennels, food and water bowls etc. with bleach or pine disinfectant.
- Staff attending to affected greyhounds should disinfect hands, clothing and shoes as appropriate and prevent any unnecessary contact with unaffected greyhounds.
- Movement of greyhounds into and out of affected kennels should be restricted where possible to minimise the spread of illness.

Further information regarding isolation housing for greyhounds and hygiene techniques to prevent spread of disease can be found in the RWWA Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds https://www.rwwa.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Greyhound-Code-of-Practice_April-2019.pdf

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