

RACING AND WAGERING WESTERN AUSTRALIA

AMENDMENTS TO RWWA RULES OF GREYHOUND RACING

In accordance with Section 45 (1) (c) of the *Racing and Wagering Western Australia Act 2003*, notice is hereby given that the Board of Racing and Wagering WA has resolved that the RWWA Rules of Greyhound Racing be amended as detailed below.

AMENDMENT TO LOCAL RULES

Amend Local Sub-Rule 22 (2)

PRIVATE ADOPTION OF GREYHOUNDS

Trainers or other licensed persons engaging in adoption of greyhounds direct to members of the public rather than through a registered/recognised adoption agency should be aware of these minimum requirements set out at part (b) below.

In the interests of welfare, there is also a requirement to accept the return of the greyhound within 28 days or as otherwise ordered by the Stewards and this should be made known to the person adopting the greyhound.

The below amendments have been approved to facilitate these changes. They come into effect as from 28 March 2024.

(2)

- (a) *Where RWWA GAP has assessed the greyhound as being suitable for re-homing, the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the relevant time must to the satisfaction of the Stewards, seek to re-home the greyhound with the RWWA GAP program and at least one other re-homing provider.*
- (b) *Where the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound rehomes the greyhound directly to any individual person or not through a registered adoption agency, then they must –*
 - (i) *Confirm that the person adopting the greyhound is at least 18 years of age.*
 - (ii) *Verify and retain a record of the person's address and contact details as per the person's Drivers Licence or other similar form of identification.*
 - (iii) *Provide the person with all relevant information with respect to the history of the greyhound, including any known behaviours or medical conditions that may be present or requires treatments.*
 - (iv) *Provide the person with a suitable lead and muzzle.*
 - (v) *Verbally confirm that the person has premises that can safely contain the greyhound and that they understand that the greyhound is not permitted to be "off-lead" in any public place.*
 - (vi) *Accept the return of the greyhound from the person for a period of not less than 28 days for any reason provided it is returned in the state at which it was rehomed and make that known to the person when releasing the greyhound to them.*
- (c) *Notwithstanding the above, the Stewards may direct any person to which this rule applies, to retake possession of the greyhound if in the opinion of the Stewards it is in the best interests of that greyhound's welfare or greyhound racing.*