



# Licencing Greyhounds Policy

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# DATE OF COMMENCEMENT

This policy takes effect on 24 November 2004

# PURPOSE

The *Racing Act 2002* authorises Greyhounds Queensland Limited (GQL) to make policies for the sound management of the greyhound racing industry. Section 81(c) of the Act requires GQL to make a policy on its licensing scheme for a greyhound.

The purpose of the licensing policy is to introduce a probative system for assessing the suitability of a greyhound to participate in greyhound racing in Queensland, and to ensure the integrity of greyhound racing activities conducted in Queensland.

# POLICY STATEMENT

It is GQL policy that a greyhound will be permitted to be licensed to participate in greyhound racing meeting, supervised by GQL and training and breeding activities involving greyhound racing, if:

- By reference to GQL records, or the records of an Approved Registration Authority, the identity, ownership and racing eligibility bona fides are established to an appropriate standard.
- By reference to GQL records, or the records of an Approved Registration Authority, the identity, ownership and breeding eligibility bona fides are established to an appropriate standard.

GQL licensing scheme policy establishes a system by which GQL ensures that a greyhound involved in a greyhound racing meeting, training and associated activities, and breeding in Queensland, meets and maintain sufficient standards of probity and suitability. This is achieved by:

- a new assessment procedure from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2005 for a greyhound to be licensed for racing, training, breeding and associated activities
- the creation of a program for regular monitoring and review of all licensed greyhounds.



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# APPLICATION

This policy applies to;  
GQL  
Licence holders

### **Types of licences that may be issued**

Licences that may be issued by GQL, with relevant activity limits, are:

Litter – eligible for branding and subsequent naming.

Naming – eligible for racing and or breeding.

Sire – eligible to be used as a stud dog.

When granting a licence, GQL may direct that the licence be provisional or temporary.

# DEFINITIONS

This policy adopts the terminology used in the *Racing Act 2002*. Schedule 3 of the *Racing Act 2002* contains a dictionary of words used in the *Racing Act 2002* and may be accessed via the internet at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au), under the tab “R”.

“**Registration**” wherever appearing in a policy or GQL rules of greyhound racing “registration” and its derivatives shall, with any necessary amendments, have the same meaning as “licence” and its derivatives in accordance with the *Racing Act 2002*.

# PROCEDURES

Attached to this policy are:

1. an overview of the new licensing process;
2. detailed procedures for each licence/registration that GQL may issue. Each licensing procedure outlines:
  - how to make application for a licence (including the prescribed form);
  - prerequisites (if any) to obtain a licence (including experience and qualifications);
  - any disqualifications from being eligible to obtain a licence;
  - the criteria for each licence;
  - how GQL will deal with an application;
  - how further representations to GQL in relation to a licence application may be made;



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- the grant, issue and form of a licence issued by GQL;
- how an applicant is notified of a licensing decision;
- the conditions which may attach to a licence;
- rights of review of GQL decision;
- how a licence issued by GQL may be surrendered.
- GQL will keep, and maintain to an appropriate standard a register of licensed greyhounds.

### **Serving notices**

Having regard to all of the circumstances, GQL will ensure that a notice, in either the written or verbal form, required to be served on a licence holder regarding a licensed greyhound, is served so as to ensure expedience or to comply with any relevant GQL rule of greyhound racing.

### **Audit program**

GQL establishes at program for auditing every licensed greyhound . The audit program is lodged with the Director General of Department of Public Works, Housing and Racing each year.

GQL undertakes an audit of the suitability of all licensed greyhounds. In addition, a GQL audit of a licensed greyhound may be commenced as a result of:

- a random audit of a category of licence; or
- a written complaint provided to the GQL regarding a licensed greyhound; or
- information gathered by a GQL officer which evidences that a licensed greyhound may have been used contrary to a condition of a licence.

Should GQL audit a licensed greyhound and determine at the conclusion of the audit that the greyhound is not a suitable greyhound to be licensed, GQL will take appropriate disciplinary action in regard to the licence.

### **Disciplinary Action against a licensed greyhound**

A licence holder failing to comply with any condition of a licence, may be subject to disciplinary action.

GQL may become aware that a licence holder may have breached a condition of a licence in a number of ways, including but not limited to:

1. during the course of a race day:
  - on these occasions, GQL stewards may conduct an inquiry and interview all persons involved with the greyhound. If a GQL steward becomes concerned the greyhound is in breach of a condition of its licence, the steward must notify the licence holder in control of the of the greyhound of the breach and;



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- the person in such control must be afforded the right to respond to the allegation; or
2. during the course of an audit:
- after undertaking preliminary investigations, a GQL officer becomes concerned that a greyhound is in breach of a condition of a licence.

### **Immediate Suspension of a Licence**

GQL may immediately suspend any licence issued by it if:

- GQL officer forms the belief during the conduct of an audit of a licence that a greyhound is not suitable for all or any category of licence for which it is licensed.

Examples of reasons for immediate suspension of a licence include:

- allegations that the condition of a greyhound creates concern of the welfare of the greyhound; or
- allegations that a licensed greyhound is being used or treated contrary to the *Racing Act 2002* or the *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001*.

Should the GQL immediately suspend a licence, GQL must:

- immediately issue an information notice to the licence holder of the licence for the licensed greyhound whose licence has been suspended;
- provide to the licence holder a copy of the written report forming the basis of the decision to immediately suspend the licence; and
- within 14 days of the date of suspension, cause a formal inquiry to be commenced into the allegations giving rise to the decision to immediately suspend the licence and provide the licence holder with an opportunity to be heard and to call evidence in defence of the allegations.

### **Surrender of a Licence**

A licence holder may at any time apply to GQL verbally, or in the prescribed form, seeking to surrender a licence of a greyhound.

GQL must consider the application within 14 days and provide an Information Notice to the licence holder.

An application to surrender a licence will not terminate any audit commenced by the GQL.

### **Process for renewal of a licence - sire**

A licence holder may, annually, or in any other period prescribed by the GQL make application to renew a licence for a sire by;

- lodging with GQL the prescribed application for renewal of licence form; and
- making payment of the licence renewal fee.

In assessing an application for renewal of a licence, GQL shall apply, *mutatis mutandis*, the same criteria, applicable to the original application.



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### **Licence Fees**

GQL will, from time to time, establish for each category of licence an application fee payable upon application for a licence.

The fees will be published in the racing calendar (Journal) and on GQL website at:

[www.greyhoundsqueensland.com.au](http://www.greyhoundsqueensland.com.au)

### ***Review of this policy***

This policy and each procedure that forms part of this policy is to be reviewed after two years of operation.

This policy and each procedure was reviewed by GQL Board on 31 January 2007, with the policy to be further reviewed within two years of this date or earlier as determined by GQL Board.

This policy was reviewed by GQL Board on 28 January 2009 with the policy to be reviewed within 2 years of this date or earlier as determined by GQL Board.

### ***GQL rules of greyhound racing***

GQL rules of greyhound racing provide for the application of this policy.

### ***Authority and other information***

This policy was issued by GQL on 24 November 2004 pursuant to the powers vested in GQL by the *Racing Act 2002*.



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### LICENSING PROCESS

#### LICENCE TYPE – PERMITTED ACTIVITY

Litter – eligible for branding and subsequent naming.

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Sire – eligible to be used as a stud dog.

- Relevant identification information;
- Relevant ownership information;
- Undertakings to comply with process, policies and GQL rules of greyhound racing;
- Payment of application fee.
- Check contents of application form,
- Undertake record checks and inquiries to determine the accuracy of all information supplied.
- In addition to standard conditions on licence, consideration given to particular circumstances, and the need for additional conditions to be imposed on the licence.
- A licence must be produced on demand by an authorised person.
- A licence holder must advise GQL within 48 hours of any change of:
  - address
  - place for the keeping of a licensed greyhound
- A GQL authorised officer shall have access to a licence holder's place of business or where a licensed greyhound is kept.