



POLICY FOR PROVIDING OR PARTICIPATING IN AN APPROPRIATE PROGRAM FOR TESTING OR TRAINING LICENSED ANIMALS, INCLUDING HOLDING TRIALS.

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POLICY FOR TRIALS

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 (e) of the Act requires GQL to make a policy for providing or participating in an appropriate program for testing or training licensed greyhounds, including holding trials.

The training of a greyhound could involve many activities, some, or all of which, may take place on the track of a club on a non-race day, or on a race day either before or after a race meeting. The training of a greyhound may take place entirely on the property of its trainer, or at a private trial track, without ever being on a race-track other than when racing.

Under the *Racing Act 2002* a “trial” is defined as “means a contest, contingency or event held under the control of a control body for testing or training licensed animals, but it is not a contest, contingency or event on which bets may be made”.

Colloquially greyhound racing participants “go trialling”, when in fact the activity is what participants in the thoroughbred and harness racing industries refer to as “track-work”.

In conducting trials the thoroughbred and harness racing industries, call for nominations, and publish the starters and the results. That type of activity does not happen in the greyhound racing industry

In the greyhound racing industry, when the activity is a “private trial” for a greyhound/s, (which should be more properly referred to as “track-work”) the club conducting the activity does not release the details of the activity. The role of the club is to make available to participants, for the purpose of training/track-work, the necessary facilities such as the track, the starting boxes, lure and the timing device.

As GQL does not provide or participate in any program for testing or training greyhounds and does not hold trials, GQL does not have special policies on being involved in such activities.



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A club may conduct “Qualifying Trials” for the purpose of establishing the eligibility of greyhounds to be nominated for an event. In such cases the Qualifying Trial meeting is conducted in all respects, other than there being no betting, as if the meeting was a normal greyhound racing meeting.

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The purpose of this policy is to ensure that the training activities conducted with facilities provided by clubs, common interest groups and private operators are:

- in the interest of industry participants
- in the interest of the welfare, image and promotion of greyhound racing
- in the interest of the welfare of a greyhound .

POLICY STATEMENT

A club, common interest group and private track operator must ensure that:

- the training facility is maintained to provide a safe environment for the training of a greyhound;
- any greyhound accommodation is of an appropriate standard;
- any activity is not detrimental to the welfare of any animal;
- any activity is not detrimental to the welfare, image, and promotion of greyhound racing;
- a training facility is attended only by licensed or other appropriate persons;

This policy has been developed in conjunction with the requirements of GQL Rules of greyhound racing, *Racing Act 2002*, *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* which imposes an obligation on a person in charge of an animal, to ensure that the welfare of the animal is protected and maintained.

APPLICATION

This policy applies to:

GQL;

Clubs;

Common interest groups; and

Private training track operators.



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DEFINITIONS

Common interest group – means a group of, usually licence holders, who through their combined efforts provide and maintain a training track facility.

Private training track operator – means a person or entity that, on a commercial basis, provides and maintains a training track facility.

PROCEDURES

GQL will monitor the activities of a club, common interest group and private track operator.

GQL will monitor the operation and use of facilities for the education and training of a greyhound

GQL will ensure that licence holders and authorised persons involved with the training of a greyhound know and understand their duty of care in relation to the safety and welfare of a greyhound.

GQL will monitor the activities of licence holders and other authorised persons involved in the training of a greyhound.

Review

This policy will be reviewed after two years of operation.

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

This policy was reviewed by GQL Board on 26 November 2008, with the policy to be further reviewed within two (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*.