



New South Wales

Greyhound Racing Regulation 2016

under the

Greyhound Racing Act 2009

His Excellency the Lieutenant-Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*.

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Explanatory note

The objects of this Regulation are as follows:

- (a) to require the owner of a registered greyhound to notify Greyhound Racing New South Wales (*GRNSW*) before transferring the greyhound to a registered owner or to an approved greyhound adoption program,
- (b) to prohibit the owner of a registered greyhound from retiring, exporting or destroying the greyhound, or from transferring it to a person who is not a registered owner, without the consent of GRNSW.

This Regulation is made under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*, including section 48 (1) (b).

This Regulation comprises or relates to matters set out in Schedule 3 to the *Subordinate Legislation Act 1989*, namely matters of a machinery nature and matters that are not likely to impose an appreciable burden, cost or disadvantage on any sector of the public.

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Greyhound Racing Regulation 2016*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Definitions

(1) In this Regulation:

registered greyhound means a greyhound registered under the rules or born to a greyhound registered under the rules.

the Act means the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*.

the rules means the rules made under the Act.

transfer a greyhound means transfer ownership of the property in the greyhound by any means, including by sale, gift or surrender.

Note. The Act and the *Interpretation Act 1987* contain definitions and other provisions that affect the interpretation and application of this Regulation.

(2) Notes included in this Regulation do not form part of this Regulation.

4 GRNSW to be notified of transfer of greyhound

The owner of a registered greyhound must notify GRNSW in writing before transferring the greyhound:

- (a) to any other person who is registered as a greyhound owner under the rules or under the law of any other State or Territory, or
- (b) to a person or body responsible for a greyhound adoption program that is approved by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, New South Wales.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

5 Consent of GRNSW required in certain other cases

(1) The owner of a registered greyhound must not, except with the written consent of GRNSW:

- (a) retire the greyhound from racing, or
- (b) export the greyhound to a country other than Australia, or
- (c) transfer the greyhound to a person who is not registered as a greyhound owner under the rules or under the law of any other State or Territory, or
- (d) destroy the greyhound or cause it to be destroyed.

Maximum penalty: 5 penalty units.

- (2) Despite subclause (1) (a)–(c), the consent of GRNSW is not required if GRNSW has been notified of the transfer of the greyhound in accordance with clause 4.
- (3) Despite subclause (1) (d), the consent of GRNSW is not required if the greyhound is destroyed by a veterinary practitioner in an emergency in order to relieve it of suffering or distress due to injury or illness.
- (4) GRNSW may give consent under subclause (1) only if it is satisfied that the greyhound is to be appropriately cared for or humanely destroyed (as the case requires).

6 Disciplinary action by GRNSW

- (1) If a person contravenes clause 4 or 5 (1), GRNSW may, in accordance with the rules, do either or both of the following:
 - (a) disqualify the person,
 - (b) prohibit the person from participating in or associating with greyhound racing in any specified capacity.
- (2) Any such action may be taken in respect of a person even though the person is no longer registered under the rules.
- (3) This clause does not limit any other disciplinary action that may be taken by GRNSW in accordance with the rules.