



DGA Animal Welfare and Support Protocols

The Darwin Greyhound Association has in recent times in particular gone to the next level in regards to the importance and welfare of our greyhounds.

Coming under our Senior Stewards who are employees of the NT Government we work closely with, supported and monitored in regards to procedures and protocols and the health of safety of our greyhounds.

These measures include:

- Re-homing assessment of all retired greyhounds through our volunteer group called GRANT. They use our race day kennels approximately every 6-8 weeks to check the suitability of these greyhounds for foster care and then to find their forever homes.
- All greyhounds are de-sexed and checked that they are healthy and well through the vet and the club pays for the de-sexing of all greyhounds.
- In recent times we have an excellent working relationship with GAWA (Greyhound Adoption Western Australia), they work with GRANT and allows us the opportunity to also re-home greyhounds in Perth. GAWA also are willing to accept all greyhounds even if they may not be small dog or child friendly as they say they have plenty of willing foster carers to help with all types of greyhounds.
- At each race meeting it is a requirement we have an on-track vet for the safety and checking of all greyhounds on a race night.
- There is a heat policy in place and scrutinized by our Stewards, to assist with this the race day kennels are air-conditioned, the club purchased ice vests to use if required if an animal comes back distressed and there is adequate running water for cooling down after they have raced in the wash down bay.
- A recently completed track injury rebate scheme has been implemented for the greyhounds on a race night, again the club happily supports the owner and or trainer in the opportunity for a greyhound to be cared for after a serious track injury.
- \$50 unplaced subsidy is paid to the trainer for all unplaced runners on a race night, this allows for strong cash flow for the trainer to maintain a happy and comfortable lifestyle for all greyhounds in their care.
- Senior Stewards do periodic kennel inspections to make sure all kennels are adequate, clean and up to the required standards for the greyhounds in the trainer's care.