



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Breeding fees waived and registration process enhanced

Greyhound Racing Victoria has made a change to improve and enhance greyhound breeding registration processes.

The change comes after listening to feedback from Victorian greyhound participants who identified breeding fees and delays in the return of DNA analysis prior to a greyhound being registered for breeding as factors that may contribute to, or delay, a participant's decision to breed.

GRV has recognised participant led solutions to encourage sustainable breeding and, for the period 15 November 2017 to 30 June 2018, the GRV Board has determined to:

- Waive registration fees related to registration of breeding females (\$150), registration of results of mating (\$50) and application to register service (\$40)
- Reimburse fees paid to Greyhounds Australasia for greyhound DNA analysis (\$180) for named female greyhounds
- Introduce an alternative process for pink card registration where a DNA analysis of that greyhound has been taken, but not yet received. To be eligible a participant must sign and return a GRV approved waiver. A copy of this waiver can be obtained by phoning GRV's Advisory Services & Registration Team on 8329 1100.

GRV CEO Alan Clayton said participants now had an alternative option when seeking breeding registration, to help ensure a faster process where needed.

"The changes will mean participants will be able to have more flexibility and won't need to miss an opportunity for breeding due to processing delays," Mr Clayton said.

"As well as our new prize money and breeding incentive scheme, this is yet another step in ensuring that Victorian greyhound racing has a bright, sustainable and prosperous future."

Mr Clayton said GRV would consider whether to continue the initiative beyond June 2018.

"GRV is also working with Greyhounds Australasia on a review of national rules with a view to streamlining the breeding registration process."

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