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GRV introduces extra weekly race meet at straight track

As part of its ongoing commitment to animal welfare, Greyhound Racing Victoria is introducing a second race meeting at the Healesville Greyhound Racing Club.

The additional meeting is aimed at reducing race track injuries, providing opportunities for all dogs, including slower and older dogs to continue their careers and providing more opportunities for Victorian-bred greyhounds.

Healesville is the only straight track in the state, having the best safety record with less interference in races leading to fewer injuries.

The first meeting will be held this Friday afternoon and will become a regular fixture in the GRV weekly calendar.

Previously, Healesville hosted one meeting a week on Sunday afternoons.

Greyhound Racing Victoria General Manager - Animal Welfare Dr Gavin Goble said the introduction of the second weekly meeting at Healesville was another big step forward for GRV's reform agenda.

"The benefits of introducing this extra meeting are numerous but all have one common theme – improving animal welfare outcomes for greyhounds," Dr Goble said.

"In opening more racing opportunities for greyhounds of all ages and abilities, we will be looking to reduce the number of greyhounds needing to be rehomed by prolonging their window of opportunities as racing dogs.

"By keeping the opportunities open to Victorian-bred greyhounds we are emphasising our commitment to ensure the best possible life for greyhounds born in this state."

This additional Healesville meeting will regularly be a 'Rank Limit' meeting for Victorian Bred Greyhounds only.

The 'Rank Limit' will vary from time to time however will initially be restricted to greyhounds ranked 250 plus.

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