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Help your dogs beat the heat this summer

It's going to be another long hot Victorian summer with a full calendar of greyhound racing so it's critical that all trainers follow Greyhound Racing Victoria's (GRV) regularly updated Hot Weather Policy at: <http://www.grv.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/01/HOT-WEATHER-POLICY-DEC15.pdf>

GRV Chair, Bernie Carolan, said today that greyhound welfare must be the sport's highest priority and that all participants needed to understand and fully adhere to this hot weather policy.

"Greyhound temperatures can rise very quickly, even in relatively low heat, if they can't pant effectively or if it's very humid, and this can cause heat stress and even death if not properly managed" Mr Carolan said.

"Kennel blocks at all Victorian greyhound racetracks are air conditioned and GRV is discussing new cooling solutions with clubs most affected by hot weather."

"However not all greyhound transport vehicles are air-conditioned so all owners and trainers need make sure that their greyhounds arrive at meetings in the best possible condition."

"They need to take extra care during hot weather, especially with older and pregnant dogs and young pups, making sure that there's always plenty of fresh cool water and shade available."

Mr Carolan said GRV's Hot Weather policy allowed trainers to scratch their greyhounds without penalty if predicted temperatures were 32 degrees or above at race meetings.

If the temperature reaches 40 degrees or above at day and twilight meetings, GRV will try to transfer races to more suitable timeslots or cancel them if transfers can't be made in within a reasonable timeframe.

Morning and night meetings on such days will continue as scheduled but may be called off or delayed at the discretion of the Steward in Charge in consultation with On-Track Veterinarians.

The best way trainers can keep informed of calendar changes and meeting times is through the 'Important Notices' section on the home page of [GRV's Data and Operations Portal, FastTrack](#).

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