



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **GRV appoints new Animal Welfare GM**

As part of its renewed focus on animal welfare and integrity, Greyhound Racing Victoria has appointed Dr Gavin Goble as its new General Manager of Animal Welfare.

A veterinarian by trade, Dr Goble comes to GRV with an extensive background in caring for animals, with particular expertise and experience in racing greyhounds. He also brings a detailed understanding of greyhound racing and its challenges, having attended more than 500 race meetings in a race-day vet capacity.

As well as his veterinary career, Dr Goble has experience in strategy, change management, staff management, sales, research and business operations, including previous General Management experience.

Dr Goble leads a newly formed Animal Welfare Department that will focus on greyhound welfare throughout their life cycles and include a substantially strengthened inspection team, new training, education and research capabilities and management of GRV's Greyhound Adoption Program and other re-homing initiatives.

GRV CEO Alan Clayton said Dr Goble's appointment was a vital part of the philosophy of the new Greyhound Racing Victoria.

"As the governing body of Victorian greyhound racing, there is nothing more important to GRV than the welfare of a greyhound before, during and after their racing career," Mr Clayton said.

"This appointment comes after an exhaustive selection process and we are thrilled to have secured the best person for the job in Dr Goble.

"GRV will continue to place the utmost emphasis on animal welfare above all else and we are looking forward to Dr Goble leading that emphasis."

Dr Goble said he was excited about the opportunity that was ahead of him.

"Caring for animals is my passion and I feel that I can help make a real difference in this role," he said.

"I have been impressed with what I have seen from GRV in the space of animal welfare and am looking forward to heading up what is obviously a key priority for the organisation."

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