

Terms of Reference – Breeding Reference Group

Purpose

Establish a Breeding Reference Group that enables GRV to gain a better understanding of Breeding related matters. The proposed forum will provide an opportunity for GRV to have an ongoing dialogue with participants while also providing an effective channel to raise issues of importance.

Background

GRV has been actively engaging with the industry, and participants through its various workshop programs and the Industry Consultative Group (ICG). Through the ongoing engagement with participants and key stakeholders, GRV sees real benefits in gaining access to industry-based experience and expertise particularly with respect to the breeding, including whelping and rearing practices.

It is intended to establish a specific reference group on Breeding to gain regular input from industry participants.

The Breeding Reference Group will be operational in nature. Matters of new policy would continue to be provided to the ICG for their input prior to Board deliberations.

Membership

GRV is inviting participants to become members of the Breeding Reference Group through expressions of interest via the GRV website, and is actively seeking nominations from participants who have relevant expertise and experience, who are prepared to commit to meeting regularly with GRV.

The Breeding Reference Group will comprise of up to 8 members.

Representative attributes should include participants who are comfortable with speaking openly, constructively and be able to commit to meeting each six weeks initially. It is expected that each representative will have the capability to represent their participant segment, in addition to their own interests, with an appreciation for what is likely to be in the best of interests of the industry, while considering both the immediate needs and longer-term outlook.

Roles and Responsibilities

Members of the Breeding reference group must undertake to:

- Contribute ideas to encourage additional breeding of racing dogs;
- Contribute to the identification of process improvements to make it simpler for participants to get on with the process of breeding;
- Represent their participant segment groups relating to Breeding;
- Understand the Greyhound Racing Industry's challenges and opportunities for Breeding;
- Prepare appropriately for meetings (pre-read, engage with colleagues, research), although this will not be onerous and should be no more than a few hours for each meeting.

Participants can use the forum to:

- propose and discuss ideas and proposals;
- provide feedback in relation to GRV's regulation, policy and procedures;
- raise and discuss topical issues or concerns;
- participate in the development of requirements for systems and process change.

Meeting Format, Frequency & Logistics

Meetings will initially be held every six weeks and will be focused on key agenda items to keep the forums effective and relevant, while formalities will be kept to minimum. Key actions arising from meetings will be documented and provide a basis for follow-up at the subsequent meeting(s).

Funding

Materials, Venue and Refreshments for each meetings / forum will be funded by GRV.

Membership of the Breeding Reference Group is not a paid position, so participants will not be paid to attend. The reference group members will need to travel to the venues at their own cost.

Key Topics to be covered within the Breeding Reference Group

The agenda will cover key topics such as:

- Incentives,
- Licensing and Registration,
- GRV Processes (including FastTrack),
- Breeding Planning and Processes,
- Breeding Practices,
- Training and Education,
- Approaches to encourage and re-invigorate Breeding,
- Promotion and communication of Good / Best Practice,
- Performance Measures, Lead and Lag indicators;