



## MEDIA RELEASE

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### **Greyhound Racing Victoria releases draft Penalty Guidelines – Greyhound Welfare 2018 for public comment**

Greyhound Racing Victoria is seeking public comment on its draft Penalty Guidelines – Greyhound Welfare 2018.

The draft guidelines will be released on 15 December for a six-week consultation period ending 2 February.

The draft guidelines, which update an earlier document released in 2014, put forward guidelines for GRV and the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board in relation to a range of penalties for greyhound welfare offences committed within the greyhound racing industry.

GRV has proposed penalties that are in line with community expectations and apply a strict approach to serious non-compliance, while allowing for discretion for incidents that are not as serious.

Welfare offences will continue to be treated on an individual basis and aggravating and mitigating factors, such as prior offences, remorse, cooperation and action taken, will be considered.

The guidelines cover five categories of offences that range from the least serious to Category 5 offences which relate to intentionally causing harm to a greyhound.

Proposed penalties range from a \$1500 fine to life disqualification and a \$7000 fine for every greyhound affected.

The draft guidelines and information on how you can provide feedback are available on the GRV website at: [greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/policies-and-guidance/](http://greyhoundcare.grv.org.au/policies-and-guidance/)

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