

Freedom of Information Part II Information Statement

This page outlines the role of Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) regarding key services, functions, reports and outputs and demonstrates how GRV provides this information.

Please note: this page only provides a snapshot of the types of documents held by GRV and how to locate them and is by no means an exhaustive representation.

If you are searching for a specific topic, you can search the GRV websites or contact the relevant area, see [Contact us] page or [Anything Else].

Statement 1: Organisation and functions

GRV's statutory responsibilities are defined set out in Section 75 of the *Racing Act 1958* (Vic) and, broadly, provide that the role of GRV is to control and promote greyhound racing and greyhound welfare throughout Victoria.

Information relating to the organisation and functions of GRV can be found on this website, on other GRV websites, in online publications, in our annual reports, and at our West Melbourne head office.

Material or publications, including rule, policies, guidelines, codes of practice, brochures and other material is available throughout this website.

Statement 2: Categories of documents

GRV creates a large number of documents and records in the course of its work. GRV uses electronic document and records management systems to classify, store, access and manage a broad range of electronic and hard copy documents.

The information contained in the Freedom of Information Part II Statements is a snapshot of the information available from GRV and is not an exhaustive list.

Document types

The types of documents that GRV handles include:

- policy, procedures and standards
- briefings and reports
- case files
- registers
- correspondence
- applications and registrations
- meeting records
- financial records
- audio-visual material.

Categories of documents

These documents are organised under the following categories according to the GRV organisational structure

- Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit
- Greyhound Welfare and Re-homing
- Corporate Development
- General Counsel
- People and Culture
- Finance & Clubs
- Board Secretariat
- Racing Safety and Infrastructure
- Racing

Statement 3: FOI arrangements

Under the *Freedom of Information Act 1982* (the FOI Act), members of the public have the right to request information and access documents about their personal affairs and activities of GRV.

A freedom of information request needs to be made in writing to the agency that holds the documents being requested. Requests for documents in the possession of GRV should be addressed to: Freedom of Information Officer by email at foipc@grv.org.au or at 46-50 Chetwynd Street, West Melbourne 3001.

To lodge a freedom of information request, or for further information about how to make a request, please visit the [Office of the Victorian Information Commissioner website](#).

The Information Commissioner's website also provides information including how to request a review of, or lodge a complaint about, a freedom of information decision made by GRV.

Once the request is received, the Freedom of Information Officer will process it in line with the Act.

Freedom of information requests are only one way of obtaining information. For example, FastTrack is a specialised website proactively providing access to greyhound racing data. Where appropriate, an individual may ask for access to their personal or health information, without having to make a formal request under freedom of information. It will not be appropriate if, for example, a third party's privacy is involved.

The resource locations and content presented below provide a snapshot of the information that is available and are not an exhaustive representation.

- Information on how to make a request and how GRV is complying with the obligations in the FOI Act - Annual report 2019-20, page 82
- Lodge a request online and find general information on lodging requests - ovic.vic.gov.au

Statement 4: Publications

GRV produces a range of publications, across multiple media platforms, many of which can be accessed on the GRV website – for example, guidelines, rules, application forms, Stewards' reports and policies.

The resource locations and content presented below provide a snapshot of the information that is available on GRV websites and is not an exhaustive representation.

Category/Topic	Resource location
Publications about greyhound care	FAQ's Health and Wellbeing Greyhounds and Adverse Weather Conditions Kennel Return Guide Kennel Cough FAQ's Injury and Illness Management Greyhound Recovery Initiative Treatment Books Better Breeding Video Archive Workshops
Publications about greyhound premises and kennels	Permits & Registration Kennels
Publications about greyhound breeding	Becoming a Breeder Breeding Process Successful Breeding Brood Female Care Breeding Restriction Exemption Application Breeder Resources
Publications about greyhound training	Becoming a Catcher, Attendant, Trainer Catcher, Attendant, Trainer Resources The Adolescent Greyhound Rearing Lures
Publications about greyhound rehoming	Retirement from Racing Desexing Desexing and Dental Scheme Greyhound Microchip Registry Greyhound Microchip Registry Forms Information for New Owners Re-homing Greyhounds with Prey Drive
Publications about GRV's greyhound adoption program	Greyhound Adoption Program
Publications about becoming a racing participant	Get Involved Becoming an Owner
Publications about greyhound form and racefields	Watchdog
Information about participant, greyhound, racing and trialing activities	FastTrack
Information about GRV's participant support program	Participant Support Program
Annual reports	Annual Reports
Organisation Structure	Annual Reports
Media	Media Centre
Announcements	Announcements
Podcasts	Podcasts
News	News

Statement 5: Rules, Policies and Procedures

This section highlights some areas in which GRV publishes internal rules, policies and procedures online.

Types of information that can be found on GRV websites include:

- corporate documents
- strategies and plans
- rules of racing
- statements of policies, standards and guidelines concerning the regulation of greyhound racing.

The resource locations and content presented below provide a snapshot of the information that is available on GRV's website and are not an exhaustive representation.

Category/topic	Resource location
Information about the rules of racing, policies and related guidance	Rules of Racing Policies and guidance
Information about the powers of GRV 4 authorized officers	Powers of Entry & Rights FAQ
Information about grading guidelines	Grading Guidelines
Privacy policy statement	Privacy Policy
Information about how to access Steward's Reports through FastTrack	Stewards reports
Stewards inquiries	Stewards Inquiries
Information for participants and members of the public in relation to racing and trialing related information	FastTrack
Information about the greyhound microchip registry	Greyhound Microchip Registry
Information about GRV's regulatory structure	Regulatory structure
Information about GRV's regulatory approach	Regulatory Approach
Protected Disclosures	Making and Handling Protected Disclosures Procedure
Procurement	Procurement
GRV corporate information	About Us GRV Board https://www.grv.org.au/about-us/grv-leadership-team/ https://www.grv.org.au/Industry-Consultative-Group/

To find a specific topic, conduct a full search of GRV websites or [contact us](#).

Statement 6: Report Literature

GRV publishes a wide range of information available free of charge on its websites, and in particular through [FastTrack] in relation to racing information available by way of a free mailing list and a weekly newsletter sign up form available at [Newsletter](#).