

Exercise, Socialisation & Enrichment (ESE) Plan



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The NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice sets minimum standards for greyhound exercise, socialisation and enrichment. The purpose of these standards is to ensure that greyhounds are well cared for and prepared for life as a pet after their racing career is over.

The Code also requires participants to have a written Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment Plan for all of the greyhounds on their property. This template is designed to help you meet these requirements.

Name	<input type="text"/>	Registration ID no.	<input type="text"/>
Kennel address	<input type="text"/>		
Number of racing greyhounds	<input type="text"/>	Number of retired greyhounds	<input type="text"/>
Number of breeding greyhounds	<input type="text"/>	Number of puppies	<input type="text"/>
Other greyhounds	<input type="text"/>	Total greyhounds at kennels	<input type="text"/>

This Plan

All Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment plans must meet the minimum standards. Some standards apply to all greyhounds, while others apply only to specific groups of greyhounds such as puppies aged 0 to 8 weeks, 8 -16 weeks, 16 weeks to commencement of training, racing greyhounds, pregnant, breeding or retired greyhounds.

Standards that apply to all greyhounds:


- All greyhounds, including puppies from the age of 3 weeks, must be provided with daily exposure to humans through gentle handling. **R.**
- All puppies and greyhounds older than 8 weeks of age must be provided with regular contact with, and exposure to, other vaccinated dogs that are compatible (this standard does not apply to retired greyhounds).
- Participants must provide greyhounds in their care with opportunities for expression of normal canine behaviours, to prevent stress and anxiety. If a greyhound shows signs of stress or anxiety which do not resolve quickly, or exhibits stereotypic behaviours, participants must seek veterinary treatment. **R.**

Please keep this Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment Plan in a safe place in case GWIC inspectors request to see a copy during a kennel inspection.

If you need assistance completing your Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment Plan contact the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission on 13 49 42.

Training/racing greyhounds

Describe your training routine with your racing greyhounds

Activity	How often do you do this?	Where?	For how long?	Minimum standards Your plan must include these things
<p>For example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Galloping • Bull ring work • Lure training • Walking machine • Time in an exercise yard • Other 				<p>The Code of Practice sets minimum standards. At minimum, you must provide greyhounds that are in training or racing with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) at least 30 minutes of free exercise each day, in the form of either free play outside the housing area, or being walked on a lead, b) access to toys. 

Raising greyhounds

Puppies from birth to commencement of training

The first weeks and months of a greyhound's life are especially important. Raising puppies well will produce better racing greyhounds and prepare your greyhounds for life as a pet after its racing career ends.

Describe how you raise puppies (0 - 16 weeks,

Minimum standards

Your plan must include these things

At minimum, you must provide puppies with these things.

Puppies aged 0–8 weeks

Each day, puppies aged 0–8 weeks must be provided with:

- access to normal puppy activity and play with its mother and littermates;
- exposed to a variety of surfaces; and,
- a variety of toys.

Puppies aged 8–16 weeks

Puppies aged 8–16 weeks must be provided with:

- a minimum of one hour per day to run or play within a secure area outside of the greyhound housing area, and
- access to toys for interactive play.

During each week, puppies aged 8–16 weeks must be provided with three or more of the following:

- lessons in how to walk on a lead whilst wearing a collar;
- chasing games for play;
- training to respond to basic verbal commands;
- exposure to a variety of surfaces;
- exposure to new experiences;
- a variety of toys;
- travel in cars or trailers;
- exposure to different levels (such as walking up and down stairs).

Puppies aged 8–16 weeks must be housed in groups or pairs, unless directed otherwise by a veterinarian.

Describe how you train puppies prior to race preparation (16+ weeks)

Greyhounds older than 16 weeks which have not yet commenced training

Greyhounds older than 16 weeks which have not yet commenced training for racing must be provided with:

- access to a secure area outside of the greyhound housing area for play, for a minimum of five hours each day;
- interactive play or obedience training each day; and,
- each week, two or more of the following -
 - reward-based training;
 - walking on a lead;
 - travel in cars or trailers;
 - racing-related activities (such as access to starting boxes, circular training facilities, straight tracks, lures or race-day cages).

Are your greyhounds able to do these things?	How do you train your greyhounds to do these things?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wear a collar • Wear a muzzle • Walk on a lead • Walk up and down stairs • Travel in vehicles • Spend time alone • Spend time with other dogs • Respond to basic commands 	



Greyhounds that are spelling, breeding pregnant or retired

Describe how you provide exercise and activities for these greyhounds

Activity	How often do you do this?	Where?	For how long?	Minimum standards Your plan must include these things
<p>For example</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walking • Time in an exercise yard • Time with people • Time with other dogs • Other 				<p>All greyhounds which are being spelled or bred or which are retired must be provided with the following activities for a minimum of 60 minutes each day:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) exercise in an area outside the greyhound housing area, either through walking on a lead or access to an exercise yard; b) access to toys. R. <p>Greyhounds that are pregnant or lactating must be provided with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) access to an exercise yard or walked on a lead for at least 60 minutes each day, b) access to toys at all times, where this is beneficial to the greyhound.