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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND  
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

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I have had greyhounds in my life since I was a child.I have held a licence for 43 years.

What the inception of Gwic has done is taken away the pleasure of having and racing our greyhounds,the true spirit of racing greyhounds has been taken away by rules and regulations that are made by persons that have no knowledge of the animal at all.Greyhounds are not all the same,they all have personalities and problems.Gwic has put in regulations that just does not suit some,but we must adhere as they think they know better.One example is the water buckets.Some dogs are ok with them,others tip them out and lay on wet bedding in kennels or pull them off the the kennel door.

The vets hired by Gwic are the same,some know nothing about the animal,injuries or treatments for injuries.

I have been given ridiculous assessments with injuries and the treatment for injuries.

The Stewards hired by Gwic are a law unto themselves and some treat participants as second class citizens.

I also believe there is a level of corruption within stewards with penalties being very inconsistent.Those stewards that trying to work with participants are leaving due to pressure from Gwic rules and regulations.

Then we come to to penalties,if a participant is charged with a infringement there is No way but to plead guilty and get a suspended sentence or hire a solicitor,which most can not afford to do.

The participant does not get a chance to deny,plead not guilty or argue the charge as it is up to Gwic,whose stewards have given the infringement in the first place.There is no unbiased decision maker.

Now with a new code it seems Gwic are more or less telling participants how to rear puppies and train our greyhounds. Socialization is the word they are using,these animals are the most socialized animal you will see already.

Regards

Vicki Prest