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Relate anatomical and physiological  
features to the care and treatment of  
greyhounds**

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## Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 2.0.

## Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency in this unit must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria of this unit. There must be evidence that the individual has related anatomical and physiological features to the care and treatment of at least two different greyhounds, including for each:

- identified common illnesses, injuries and/or conditions and related them to the relevant anatomical feature and body system
- identified and correctly used appropriate therapy or medication according to the health management plan
- provided care according to the rules of racing, advice provided by veterinarians, safe handling practices and animal welfare requirements.

## Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- ethical conduct standards of relevant controlling body or Principal Racing Authority
- communication procedures within kennel and wider racing industry
- industry terminology related to caring for and treating racing greyhounds
- common greyhound behaviour and temperament
- basic features and functions of greyhound body systems, including the musculoskeletal system
- common injuries associated with racing greyhounds, including:
  - tearing or straining of muscles (gracilis, long head of triceps and tensor fascia latae mm.)
  - tarsal or carpal sprains
  - fractures of bones (central tarsal, accessory carpal, metacarpals)
  - injuries of the phalanges and webbing

- healing processes that relate to successful return to normal function, including appropriate incapacitation periods to provide adequate rest and recovery
- when to consult and refer to a veterinarian
- types of prescribed medications
- types of therapies
- impact of medications or therapies
- permanently banned treatments and substances
- concept of drug-free racing and knowing withholding times of certain medications
- prohibited substances and prohibited substance rules
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- relevant rules of racing
- restraining techniques for greyhounds.

## Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
  - safe handling areas, such as commercial kennels, and training and racetracks
- resources, equipment and materials:
  - a variety of greyhounds
  - materials and equipment relevant to assessing individual's ability to relate anatomical and physiological features to the care and treatment of greyhounds
- specifications:
  - work instructions and related documentation.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

## Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=5c4b8489-f7e1-463b-81c8-6ecce6c192a0>