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transition to pet plans**

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Modification History

Release	Comments
Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 3.0.

Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- developed, implemented and completed organisational documentation for four transition to pet plans, covering:
 - one greyhound assessed as not having specific behavioural issues (basic plan)
 - one greyhound exhibiting inappropriate predation behaviour for the context
 - one greyhound exhibiting fearful behaviour relating to a specific trigger
 - one greyhound exhibiting aggressive behaviour (interspecific or intraspecific).

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:

- sources of industry-accepted and evidence-based information on canine behaviour and education
- general techniques for managing and modifying canine behaviour, including:
 - facilitation of social interaction and/or the behaviour modification of intraspecific behaviour in greyhounds
 - environmental optimisation to suit species-specific needs
 - basic training and exposure to new environments using a gradual or controlled approach
 - application of basic desensitisation and counter-conditioning techniques
- behaviour modification for common behavioural problems encountered in greyhounds transitioning to pets, including:
 - general handling, husbandry, and leash behaviours
 - sociability towards people, dogs and other animals (familiar and unfamiliar)

- fear-based or anxiety-based behaviours, including isolation distress, fear of novel environments (neophobia)
- need for behavioural medication prescribed by a veterinary behaviourist or veterinarian with qualifications in dog behaviour
- problematic behaviours in the home requiring management, including inappropriate toileting
- developmental milestones for greyhounds
- evidence-based assessment of behavioural indicators of increased risk of aggression or anxiety post-adoption, including:
 - human-directed aggression
 - interspecific predation
 - interspecific aggression
 - anxiety and fear-related problems impacting quality of life post-adoption
- strategies for managing transition from racing to domestic situations, including:
 - wind down from training and racing
 - adapting daily routines
 - diet and feeding
- techniques for assessing welfare and signs of stress, including:
 - in different environments
 - during interactions with both humans and dogs
- organisational record keeping requirements.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - greyhounds (including videos of greyhounds exhibiting behaviours that occur infrequently) and/or assessment documentation for various greyhounds to prepare transition to pet plans
 - equipment required for transition to pet plan
- specifications:
 - organisational procedures, forms and assessment criteria.

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>