



Australian Government

RGRPSG201 Handle greyhounds

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Modification History

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Release 1	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 1.0.

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to safely catch, control and lead greyhounds.

The unit applies to all individuals who may be required to handle greyhounds as part of their job function in the greyhound industry.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit. Refer to your state or territory Controlling Body or Principal Racing Authority for current licence or registration requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil.

Unit Sector

Performance services greyhounds (PSG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Identify greyhounds	1.1 List a range of features to identify an individual greyhound 1.2 Use industry terminology to identify and describe individual greyhounds

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2. Safely approach, catch and lead greyhounds	2.1 Identify observed individual greyhound behaviours and known level of education before handling 2.2 Use handling methods that ensure the wellbeing of the greyhound 2.3 Use safe and effective catching techniques to secure greyhounds 2.4 Fit greyhound with catching and leading gear 2.5 Demonstrate safe and effective greyhound leading techniques according to industry standards 2.6 Lead the greyhound in a range of different environmental conditions, singly and with other dogs
3. Control greyhounds in public areas	3.1 Identify hazards and evaluate risks associated with handling greyhounds in public areas 3.2 Use safe leading, lifting and holding techniques appropriate to the individual dog to minimise distress in line with welfare requirements, and to control greyhounds in public areas

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Read and research greyhound identifying features and rules of racing and codes of practice in relation to health and welfare of greyhounds
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following explicit procedures and health and safety requirements

Unit Mapping Information

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RGRPSG201 Handle greyhounds	RGRPSG201A Handle greyhounds	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG201 Handle greyhounds

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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:

- caught, lead and controlled at least three greyhounds in a variety of environments
- handled greyhounds safely according to animal welfare requirements
- evaluated and controlled the risks associated with catching and handling greyhounds
- identified and used different items of greyhound handling gear in a correct manner
- described features of greyhounds using industry terminology
- recognised and responded to greyhound behaviours.

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:

- principles and practices of greyhound handling
- communication procedures, including reporting lines within kennel and wider racing industry
- industry terminology related to handling greyhounds
- normal and abnormal greyhound behaviour
- purpose of using different items of greyhound handling gear
- relevant rules of racing pertaining to greyhound handling
- reporting requirements in relation to handling greyhounds safely
- senses, communication traits and behaviour patterns of greyhounds
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- WHS requirements relating to handling greyhounds
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a greyhound establishment or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - racing greyhounds
 - catching and leading gear
- specifications:
 - current industry best practice information for greyhound handling and related animal welfare requirements.

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

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