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Modification History

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Release 2	This version released with RGR Racing and Breeding Training Package Version 3.0.
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 follow illness and injury management plans for greyhounds.

The unit applies to individuals who care for greyhounds.

All work must be carried out to comply with workplace procedures, according to state/territory animal welfare and health and safety regulations, legislation and standards that apply to the workplace.

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

The prerequisite unit of competency for this unit is:

- RGRPSG201 Handle greyhounds.

Unit Sector

Performance services greyhounds (PSG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Plan greyhound health and emergency care	1.1 Arrange greyhounds' housing according to industry rules and regulations

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procedures	1.2 Assess the health status of individual greyhounds 1.3 Recognise signs and symptoms of infectious diseases of greyhounds and implement control measures 1.4 Plan for suitable personal protective equipment to be used 1.5 Plan measures to prevent re-occurrence and minimise risk of infection 1.6 Develop health and emergency care protocols and programs according to industry standards, and relay them to staff
2. Undertake health management programs for greyhounds	2.1 Implement parasite control and vaccination programs according to greyhound health care policies and industry standards 2.2 Compile and update greyhound health records
3. Determine treatment for greyhounds	3.1 Determine health care and management of individual greyhounds 3.2 Discuss prognosis for common illnesses and injuries with relevant persons 3.3 Determine need for veterinary assistance or other specialist advice 3.4 Evaluate treatment options and select preferred option for common injuries and illnesses according to specialist advice
4. Administer treatment and monitor greyhound progress	4.1 Administer medication and treatments according to fear-free handling and safe greyhound health care practices, specialist advice and industry standards 4.2 Monitor greyhound, post-treatment, for signs of treatment effectiveness and recovery, and update health records 4.3 Assess and monitor withdrawal times for prohibited substances 4.4 Dispose of waste material according to industry standards
5. Follow greyhound illness and injury management plans	5.1 Identify the impact of medications and therapies on greyhounds' body systems 5.2 Provide care and treatment for injured or sick greyhounds according to veterinary directions and animal welfare principles 5.3 Identify and recognise greyhound healing processes following illness or injury 5.4 Report post-treatment information to trainer/supervisor so that prevention strategies can be planned and implemented

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	Evaluate and integrate facts and ideas to construct meaning from texts relating to the care and treatment of greyhounds
Writing	Use clear, specific and industry-related terminology to complete and update workplace documentation, including health records

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
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Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG306 Determine care and treatment needs of 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:

- cared for, treated and implemented a health management program for at least three greyhounds, including:
 - administered or supervised administration of non-prescription and prescribed medication
 - identified and applied different therapies or medications in the correct manner.

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 care and treatment
- techniques for fear-free handling
- Five Domains model of animal welfare
- common illnesses and injuries in greyhounds
- impact of common medications or therapies
- key features and functions of greyhound body systems
- prohibited substances and withdrawal periods
- racing industry animal welfare requirements
- relevant rules of racing
- restraining techniques for greyhounds
- identifying features and functions of greyhound body systems
- signs of greyhound illnesses and injuries
- routine prophylactics for common parasites and diseases in greyhounds

- types of medications and therapies
- greyhound anatomy and physiology
- signs of behavioural changes
- signs of greyhound behaviour indicating pain or distress, including:
 - vocalisation, yelping
 - pulling away, stiffness, restricted movement.

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:
 - greyhounds
 - greyhound treatment resources
- specifications:
 - greyhound industry standards and codes of practice.

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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