



Australian Government

RGRPSG308 Whelp greyhounds

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Modification History

Release	Comments
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 whelp greyhounds.

The unit applies to individuals who prepare greyhounds for whelping, monitor the breeding female, and assist with delivery of greyhound puppies.

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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<i>Elements describe the essential outcomes.</i>	<i>Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element.</i>
1. Prepare for greyhound whelping	1.1 Estimate and record anticipated greyhound whelping date

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	1.2 Identify the whelping area 1.3 Thoroughly clean the whelping area 1.4 Line the whelping box with appropriate bedding 1.5 Prepare the whelping box and bedding in a warm, dry, quiet place, according to industry rules and regulations, animal welfare and ethics codes of practice and requirements 1.6 Prepare an action strategy that includes access to veterinary support in the case of difficulties presenting
2. Monitor greyhound whelping	2.1 Arrange for the breeding greyhound female to become accustomed to the box several weeks before whelping 2.2 Monitor breeding greyhound female's general health, appetite, restlessness and nesting behaviour, according to greyhound health and animal welfare and ethics codes of practice and requirements
3. Assist with greyhound whelping	3.1 Ensure that the breeding greyhound female is in a safe and accessible place at the time of whelping 3.2 Clear membranes from the pups, if the breeding greyhound female is unable to 3.3 Tie off and treat the umbilical cord, if the greyhound breeding female does not chew through it 3.4 Watch the breeding greyhound female closely between delivering puppies, and monitor bonding 3.5 Record the time each pup is born and the colour, sex and weight of each pup 3.6 Assist pups to attach to a nipple if necessary 3.7 Ensure appropriate temperature of the newborn pups is maintained
4. Conclude greyhound whelping	4.1 Enable the breeding greyhound female to have a toilet break and give her a clean-up 4.2 Encourage the breeding greyhound female to have some food and water 4.3 Maintain whelping area and box and replace bedding as required 4.4 Ensure the breeding greyhound female is settled and all the pups are suckling 4.5 Arrange for a post-whelping check with a veterinarian and the safe disposal of stillborn pups, if required, and according to workplace

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	processes and legislative requirements
5. Complete greyhound registration processes	5.1 Complete whelping notice and lodge with relevant state authority 5.2 Complete and lodge litter registration forms with relevant state authority

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
Get the work done	Solve problems as they arise, during and after birth of pups

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSG308 Whelp greyhounds Release 2	RGRPSG308 Whelp greyhounds Release 1	Minor edits to application statement and addition of knowledge evidence point regarding hygiene standards	Equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG308 Whelp 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:

- assisted with the birth of at least one litter of puppies through all the stages outlined in this unit of competency.

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:

- greyhound health and welfare principles
- whelping procedures and practices
- procedures to access veterinary support, and when a veterinarian is required
- materials and equipment for whelping
- physiological needs of pregnant and whelping breeding females
- stages and length of pregnancy in greyhounds
- recommended methods of maintaining temperature for newborn pups
- procedures for sexing neonates
- dealing with orphan puppies
- disposing of deceased puppies
- recognition of healthy and unhealthy puppies
- anatomical and physiological terminology, glossary of terms and nomenclature related to greyhound/dog reproduction
- housing requirements for mother and young – part of gestational care
- normal and abnormal animal behaviour post-whelping
- workplace hygiene standards, including:
 - personal protective equipment for zoonotic disease risk and handling birthing fluids

- disinfectants and cleaning agents, techniques and equipment
- infection control 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:
 - a breeding female greyhound
 - materials and equipment needed for greyhound whelping.

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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