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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG402

Assess greyhounds for suitability to transition to a pet

Release: 1

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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:

- assessed three greyhounds as suitable/likely suitable for adoption – one greyhound in each of the following categories:
 - requires minimal further behaviour modification
 - requires exposure to a typical domestic environment (and associated stimuli) in a gradual and controlled manner
 - requires structured behaviour modification on specific area of improvement identified for the individual greyhound
- assessed four dogs (greyhound or other breeds) as unsuitable for adoption for each of the following reasons:
 - predatory behaviour towards other dogs
 - aggressive behaviour towards other dogs
 - maladaptive levels of fear and anxiety
 - aggression towards humans
- completed all required organisational documentation for each assessment conducted.

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:

- general signs of greyhound health status
- safety working with greyhounds, including:
 - risk assessments – environmental and dog behaviour
 - hazard identification
 - assessment environment – safe, fenced area

- resources – muzzles, collars and leads
- organisational procedures relating to safety and personal protective equipment
- identification of greyhounds, including physical features, microchipping and relevant documentation
- suitability assessment and predictive validity of temperament tests in dogs, covering:
 - reaction to leash, general handling and kennel behaviour
 - coping behaviour – unfamiliar locations, novel objects, noise sensitivity, isolation
 - sociability – towards unfamiliar people, other dogs and companion animals
 - predation – small dog interaction
 - resource guarding
- real-time welfare assessment and handling skills for domestic dogs/animals used during assessments
- behaviours that may impact on greyhounds transitioning to pets, including:
 - fearful or aggressive responses to people and/or other dogs
 - context-appropriate vs maladaptive behaviour
 - fears of specific stimuli
 - reactivity, including to a leash
 - overt signs of stress
 - high-risk behaviours – final stages of the predatory sequences directed towards inappropriate targets
- organisational assessment outcome tools, criteria and descriptions
- animal welfare principles and racing industry codes of practice
- state greyhound industry requirements relating to retiring greyhounds and adoption practices
- current state government and local council regulations, codes of practice or requirements relating to:
 - specific breeds of dogs, including dangerous dog breeds
 - registration and microchipping of dogs
 - containment of dogs
 - use of muzzles and leashes in public
 - operation of animal shelters
 - companion animals.

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:
 - various greyhounds to be assessed

- videos of greyhounds or other dog breeds displaying behaviours unsuitable for adoption
- equipment required for suitability assessments
- 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>