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Modification History

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

Performance Evidence

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

There must be evidence that the individual has:

- discussed and explained the scope of practice and work of a greyhound health assistant to at least one industry participant covering:
 - legal and ethical obligations relating to state regulations and national and local greyhound racing rules and codes of practice
 - non-invasive treatments that can be administered within the scope of practice
 - treatments and prohibited substances outside the scope of practice
 - a basic overview of how their health assistance service operates
- conducted a non-invasive examination, completed accurate notes and treatment plans for two greyhounds.

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:

- national and state legislation and regulations relevant to the greyhound racing industry including:
 - animal welfare and cruelty to animals
 - veterinary surgeons/practice
 - work health and safety
- national and local greyhound racing rules and codes of practice relevant to the role of greyhound health assistant, including:
 - legal and ethical obligations, including requirements to not inflict pain or distress on animals
 - prohibited substances
 - rules relating to greyhound fitness, injury and contagious conditions

- non-invasive treatments that are within the scope of practice for a greyhound health assistant, including:
 - examinations for musculoskeletal function and injury
 - manual/massage therapy
 - ice therapy
 - heat pack therapy
 - liniment application
 - physiotherapy machines for treatments - laser therapy, therapeutic ultra-sound, magnetic field therapy
 - underwater treadmill, hydrotherapy
- invasive treatments that are that are illegal and/or outside the scope of practice for a greyhound health assistant, including:
 - pin firing
 - blistering
 - sclerosing
 - injections, placing needles in greyhounds, acupuncture
 - chiropractic adjustments
 - any procedure which causes a greyhound to experience pain
 - diagnosis in relation to veterinary surgeon/practice regulations
- signs of greyhound behaviour indicating pain or distress, including:
 - vocalisation, yelping
 - pulling away, stiffness, restricted movement
- signs of common health conditions relevant to greyhounds, including:
 - infectious and zoonotic disease risks
 - racing and training related conditions
- standard industry practices for conducting non-invasive treatments, including:
 - conduct a physical examination of greyhounds to determine requirements before administering any treatment
 - discuss treatment plans and obtain approval from owners and/or trainers before providing services
 - conduct treatments without inflicting pain
 - review greyhound response and modify treatments as required
- record keeping practices suitable for greyhound health assistance services.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately represents workplace conditions
- specifications:
 - access to relevant state regulations and national and local greyhound rules of racing

- relationships:
 - industry participants (greyhound owner/carer/trainer).

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>