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RGRPSG407 Work as a greyhound health assistant

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Modification History

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

Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to work effectively as a health assistant according to the rules and requirements of the greyhound racing industry.

The unit applies to individuals who work with greyhound owners, trainers and veterinarians to assist with optimising the health of racing greyhounds.

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

No licensing, legislative or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

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. Comply with industry and regulatory requirements for providing greyhound health assistance services	1.1 Identify key requirements of state and national legislation relevant to providing greyhound health assistance services 1.2 Comply with key requirements of national and local greyhound racing rules and codes of practice, including legal and ethical obligations, relevant to the role of a greyhound health assistant 1.3 Identify services that are within and outside the scope of practice

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	for a health assistant in the greyhound racing industry
2. Apply knowledge of common greyhound conditions	2.1 Identify signs of common infectious and zoonotic disease risks and advise relevant personnel according to greyhound industry and regulatory requirements 2.2 Identify common greyhound racing and training related signs of a range of conditions 2.3 Explore approaches for avoiding or minimising injuries in racing and training greyhounds
3. Conduct health assistance services professionally and ethically	3.1 Establish working relationships with registered veterinarians for referrals beyond own scope of practice 3.2 Explain the role and scope of practice of greyhound health assistants to industry participants 3.3 Follow standard industry practices for conducting non-invasive examinations and treatments
4. Maintain accurate health records	4.1 Keep accurate records of health signs, injuries and treatment plans administered to individual greyhounds 4.2 Provide records to relevant personnel 4.3 File and store records ensuring they can be retrieved on request

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	Interpret key requirements of industry rules of racing and relevant regulatory requirements relating to greyhound racing
Oral communication	- Use active listening and questioning techniques to obtain and give clear information to others - Use industry-standard terminology and concepts suitable for audience
Navigate the world of	Take responsibility for following industry rules of racing and relevant regulatory requirements for own work

Skill	Description
work	
Get the work done	- Plan, sequence and prioritise activities to achieve work outcomes - Use common workplace technology to record and convey information

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
RGRPSG407 Work as a greyhound health assistant	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG407 Work as a greyhound health assistant

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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.

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