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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:

- carried out a physical examination of at least 10 greyhounds under supervision of veterinarian
- maintained a diary of assessment and identification for each greyhound examined
- completed a treatment plan for five greyhounds that have minor dysfunctions or injuries, in consultation with a registered veterinarian
- completed notes to be referred to a registered veterinarian for one greyhound that has a major dysfunction or injury.

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:

- health and safety risks working with greyhounds, including:
 - bites and scratches
 - infections and zoonoses
- signs of greyhound behaviour indicating pain or distress, including:
 - vocalisation, yelping
 - pulling away, stiffness, restricted movement
- racing performance that can indicate common injuries, including:
 - deviating in the run, including running wide at the corners
 - incorrect galloping action
 - decreased speed and slowing in first or last sections
- common injuries in racing greyhounds, including:
 - tears and strains of the major muscles of fore and hind limbs

- sprains and dislocations of lower limb and toe joints
- swelling, bruising, abrasions and lacerations
- physical examination techniques, including:
 - palpation
 - flexing and extension
- major dysfunction or injury, including:
 - tears
 - dislocations
 - fractures
 - canine exertional rhabdomyolysis, known as 'acidosis' (severe)
- minor dysfunction or injury, including:
 - muscle strain
 - bruising
 - tendon and ligament sprain
 - abraded pads, nail tears
 - acidosis (low grade)
- non-invasive treatments, including:
 - examinations for musculoskeletal function and injury
 - manual/massage therapy
 - range and availability of physiotherapy machines for treatments, including laser therapy, therapeutic ultrasound, magnetic field therapy
 - ice therapy
 - heat pack therapy
 - liniment application
 - underwater treadmill, hydrotherapy
- invasive treatments 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 that causes a greyhound to experience pain
 - diagnosis in relation to veterinary surgeon/science regulations
- recovery and stand down times for muscle, tendon and bone injuries
- strategies to avoid injury, including:
 - hydration
 - taping
- formats for keeping records and documenting treatment plans.

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 examined
- specifications:
 - recording forms.

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>