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RGRPSG410 Provide massage and non-invasive health treatments for greyhounds

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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 perform massage therapy and non-invasive health treatments on greyhounds after conducting a physical examination to detect minor injury or dysfunction.

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

The prerequisite units of competency for this unit are:

- RGRPSG201 Handle greyhounds
- RGRPSG408 Relate musculoskeletal structure to greyhound movement
- RGRPSG409 Assess greyhound structural and functional suitability for racing

Unit Sector

Performance services greyhounds (PSG)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Assess greyhound suitability for massage therapy or non-invasive treatments	1.1 Advise owner and/or trainer of scope of practice for a health assistant and the range of non-invasive treatments allowed in the greyhound racing industry 1.2 Obtain background information from owner and/or trainer on greyhound performance to assist in identifying common injuries 1.3 Prepare a safe and controlled area for conducting an examination and non-invasive treatments 1.4 Conduct a physical examination of individual greyhound to identify areas of soreness, muscle tension and joint mobility issues 1.5 Discuss outcomes of examination and discuss proposed treatment plan with owner and/or trainer 1.6 Refer owner to registered veterinarian for conditions outside scope of practice 1.7 Confirm owner and/or trainer consent for treatment
2. Provide greyhound massage therapy treatments	2.1 Massage the greyhound using appropriate techniques, sequence, and degree of pressure according to agreed treatment plan 2.2 Identify greyhound reactions to treatment and respond accordingly avoiding pain and distress 2.3 Adapt massage therapy to meet individual needs of the greyhound
3. Identify and select other non-invasive treatments to address greyhound needs	3.1 Identify appropriate non-invasive treatments to include in treatment plan 3.2 Select the most appropriate non-invasive treatment for individual greyhound 3.3 Check equipment to be used in treatment to ensure correct functioning and safe use 3.4 Apply treatment to the greyhound using correct techniques
4. Monitor and evaluate greyhound massage therapy and non-invasive treatments	4.1 Provide feedback to owner and/or trainer on greyhound response to treatments 4.2 Advise on recovery or stand down times for relevant injuries or rehabilitation 4.3 Arrange follow up treatments according to treatment plan 4.4 Maintain accurate records of treatments for individual greyhounds and provide a copy to owner and/or trainer

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
Writing	Record information clearly and accurately in treatment plans for internal and external purposes
Navigate the world of work	Take responsibility for following regulatory and racing industry requirements relating to health assistant role and scope of practice
Get the work done	- Plan, sequence and prioritise activities to achieve work outcome - 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
RGRPSG410 Provide massage and non-invasive health treatments for greyhounds	Not applicable	New unit	No equivalent unit

Links

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Assessment Requirements for RGRPSG410 Provide massage and non-invasive health treatments for 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:

- prepared for and carried out massage therapy for at least three greyhounds
- prepared for and carried out other non-invasive treatments for at least two greyhounds
- completed records for each greyhound treatment performed for assessment.

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
- physical examination, including:
 - gait, stance, symmetry
 - conformation and posture
 - muscle tension
 - behaviour
 - eyes – clarity and focus
- common greyhound injuries, 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
- massage techniques, including:
 - long flowing strokes
 - kneading
 - circular massage
 - compression

- health assistant scope of practice and types of non-invasive treatments, including:
 - examinations for musculoskeletal function and injury
 - manual/massage therapy
 - physiotherapy machines for treatments - laser therapy, therapeutic ultra-sound, magnetic field therapy
 - ice therapy
 - heat pack therapy
 - application of liniments
 - 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/science regulations
- signs of greyhound behaviour indicating pain or distress, including:
 - vocalisation, yelping
 - pulling away, stiffness, restricted movement
- formats for treatment plans and record keeping.

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 for massage and non-invasive treatments
 - equipment required for non-invasive treatments
- specifications
 - recording forms.

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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