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RGRPSG205A Attend greyhounds at race meetings

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Modification History

Not Applicable

Unit Descriptor

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This unit of competency specifies the outcomes required to prepare greyhounds for racing, following kennelling, pre and post-race procedures.

To undertake this unit the candidate will be able to apply safe greyhound handling skills and follow workplace OHS standards. It is recommended that RGRPSG201A Handle greyhounds be delivered in conjunction with or before this unit of competency.

This unit of competency operates in work environments of racing kennels, racecourses and public areas.

Licensing, legislative, regulatory or certification requirements may apply to this unit. Check with your State Principal Racing Authority for current license or registration requirements.

Application of the Unit

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This unit of competency supports kennel hands, trainers and others in the greyhound racing industry that are required to attend greyhounds at race meetings.

This unit can be contextualised for other industries while also maintaining the integrity of the unit.

Licensing/Regulatory Information

Refer to Unit Descriptor

Pre-Requisites

Prerequisite units

Employability Skills Information

Employability skills This unit contains employability skills.

Elements and Performance Criteria Pre-Content

Elements describe the essential outcomes of a unit of competency.

Performance criteria describe the performance needed to demonstrate achievement of the element. Where bold italicised text is used, further information is detailed in the required skills and knowledge section and the range statement. Assessment of performance is to be consistent with the evidence guide.

Elements and Performance Criteria

ELEMENT	PERFORMANCE CRITERIA
Prepare greyhounds for race meetings.	1. 1.1 Greyhounds are prepared prior to race meeting according to instructions. 2. 1.2 Workplace requirements for personal presentation are followed.
Follow kennelling procedures.	3. Racing officials' instructions are followed and documentation provided as required. 4. Kennelling duties are carried out.
Follow pre-race procedures.	5. Greyhound is collected from kennel at specified time and controlled during pre-race processes . 6. Greyhound is paraded following parade official directions. 7. Greyhound is entered into starting box following starter directions.
Complete post-race procedures.	8. Post-race procedures are carried out. 9. Greyhounds are returned to home kennels and re-checked for post-race injury. 10. Gear is checked for damage, then cleaned and stored.

Required Skills and Knowledge

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

This section describes the skills and knowledge required for this unit.

Required skills

- applying safe handling and work practices when dealing with greyhounds
- catching, leading, controlling and parading greyhounds
- communicating with stewards, racing officials, supervisor, co-workers and others using assertive communication techniques to gather and relay information related to attending greyhounds at race meetings
- completing duties in accordance with safe operating procedures and nominated time frame
- completing kennelling and pre-race procedures
- evaluating risks associated with working around greyhounds
- following directions during kennelling and pre-race procedures
- identifying behaviour and temperaments of greyhounds
- identifying common greyhound illnesses or injuries

REQUIRED SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE

- identifying and correctly using different items of working and grooming gear
- identifying individual greyhounds
- preparing greyhounds for race meetings
- performing post-race procedures
- reading and interpreting workplace documentation, including relevant rules of racing
- relating to people from a range of social, cultural and ethnic backgrounds and with varying physical and mental abilities
- safely boxing a greyhound for a racing event
- using reporting protocols
- written communication skills to complete workplace documentation and related reports.

Required knowledge

- basic industry terminology related to greyhound racing procedures
- characteristics of healthy greyhounds
- communication procedures during race day operations and within wider racing industry
- common greyhound illnesses or injuries
- common greyhound behaviour, social traits and vices
- effective working relationships, including teamwork
- grooming methods and equipment for race meetings
- methods of checking greyhound physical condition during and after transport and post-race
- pre and post-race care and welfare requirements of racing greyhounds
- purpose of using appropriate personal protective equipment
- racing industry safety requirements, including safe operating procedures
- race meeting procedures and protocols
- relevant rules of racing
- requirements and procedures for the conduct of an inquiry.

Evidence Guide

EVIDENCE GUIDE

The evidence guide provides advice on assessment and must be read in conjunction with the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge, range statement and the Assessment Guidelines for the Training Package.

Critical aspects for assessment and evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit

The evidence required to demonstrate competency in this unit must be relevant to workplace operations and satisfy all of the requirements of the performance criteria, required skills and knowledge and the range statement of this unit and include evidence of the following:

- knowledge of the requirements, procedures and instructions that are to apply when performing kennel duties related to attending greyhounds at race meetings
- implementation of procedures and timely techniques for the safe, effective and efficient performance of greyhound attendant duties at race meetings
- working with others to undertake and complete race meeting procedures that meet required outcomes.

Evidence should be collected over a period of time using a range of greyhounds of different ages, sexes and temperaments, and at different stages of preparation in racing kennel and track environments.

Context of and specific resources for assessment

Competency must be assessed in a racing workplace that provides access to the required resources. Assessment is to occur under standard and authorised work practices, safety requirements and environmental constraints. It is to comply with relevant regulatory requirements or Australian Standards requirements.

Assessment of the practical components of this unit will be by observation of relevant skills.

The following resources must be available:

- a variety of greyhounds
- materials and equipment relevant to assessing candidate's ability to attend greyhounds during race meetings
- safe handling areas, such as commercial kennels, racetracks and associated facilities
- work instructions and related documentation.

Method of assessment

Assessment methods must satisfy the endorsed Assessment Guidelines of the Racing Training Package.

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The suggested strategies for the assessment of this unit are:

- written and/or oral assessment of candidate's required knowledge
- observed, documented and firsthand testimonial evidence of candidate's application of practical tasks.

Evidence is required to be demonstrated over a period of time, therefore where performance is not directly observed any evidence should be authenticated by supervisors or other appropriate persons.

This unit may be assessed in a holistic way with other units of competency relevant to the industry sector, workplace and job role, for example:

- RGRPSG202A Transport greyhounds.

Guidance information for assessment

Assessment methods should reflect workplace demands (e.g. literacy and numeracy demands) and the needs of particular target groups (e.g. people with disabilities, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, people with a language background other than English, youth and people from low socioeconomic backgrounds).

Range Statement

RANGE STATEMENT

The range statement relates to the unit of competency as a whole. It allows for different work environments and situations that may affect performance. Bold italicised wording in the performance criteria is detailed below.

The range statement provides details of how this competency can be used in the workplaces of the racing industry to attend greyhounds at race meetings. Workplaces include greyhound kennels and racecourses, training tracks and public areas.

Greyhounds are ***prepared*** prior to race meeting by:

- checking feed and water intake
- checking faeces quality and quantity
- checking greyhound for illnesses or injuries
- checking racing gear for wear or damage
- grooming to race meeting presentation standards
- monitoring weather conditions and ensuring

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	- greyhound temperature is controlled - providing post-transport care of greyhound, including: - light walk to stretch muscles - opportunity to empty out.
Personal presentation will include:	- dress - grooming - jewellery - personal behaviour.
Racing officials may include:	- catching supervisor - kennel supervisor - parade official - race day veterinarian - starter - steward - weigh in clerk.
Documentation may include:	- attendant or trainer registration card - greyhound registration certificate - greyhound weight card.
Kennelling duties will include:	- keeping greyhound calm and controlled through kennelling procedures, including: - following officials' instructions - greyhound identification - greyhound weigh-in - veterinary inspection - placing in assigned kennel.
Pre-race processes may include:	- identification check - fitting allocated racing rug - opportunity for greyhound to empty out - completing stir-up.
Post-race procedures may include:	- catching greyhound after race - checking for signs of injury or soreness - collecting greyhound from catcher - completing random swab draw procedure - parading before the public if placegetter - hosing and towelling - presenting for inquiry if required - re-kennelling - walking lightly to allow recovery of breath.

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Returned to home kennels
procedures may include:

- checking again for illness, injury or distress
- feeding and watering according to kennel routine
- providing post-race therapy under trainer's instructions and supervision
- reporting irregularities to trainer
- settling greyhound into home kennel
- storing gear.

Unit Sector(s)

Unit Sector Greyhound racing code

Co-requisite units

Co-requisite units

Functional Area

Functional Area Racing performance services