

ANIMALS ON RACETRACK PROPERTY

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INTRODUCTION

NSW GBOTA venues prime use is for the racing and trialling of greyhounds. There is however the need for the site to be used for generation of secondary income. Therefore, during the course of its operations, it would not be uncommon for animals outside of greyhounds to be on the property. This policy seeks to give clarity to how this should be managed for the safety of greyhounds, participants, other users and the protection of the industry's image.

PURPOSE

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POLICY

The GBOTA commits itself to operating in an ethical manner drawn up through agreed procedures.

DEFINITIONS

Race track

The racing surface utilised for racing and trialling.

Racing

The time from which stewards undertake their first race track inspection (approximately 2 hours prior to advertised first race) until one hour after the running of last race

Site

The total land on which the race track and other facilities sits

Trialling

The use of the race track, by one or more greyhounds for the purpose of fitness and/or education. Trialling should seek to be an advertised period of time, for the benefit of all users.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

Only a greyhound shall be on the site of a greyhound track during the course of racing or trialling, unless the animal is:

- Required for disability impediment
- Has been given prior consent by the manager, for which is shall be required to adhere to procedures outlined below in "procedures"

PROCEDURES

Managers shall ensure that any animal, other than a greyhound, brought on to the site shall:

- Be made known to the Manager/ or their agent (Office) as soon as arriving on site
- Manager to ensure any site hiring's, where animals other than a greyhound are present, shall have clearly defined procedures in line with this policy, and be regularly monitored
- Shall be recorded in a central log during the course of racing or trialing so to ensure risks are managed
- Owner / carer shall be advised that animal (other than companion animal for a disable person) shall not be within the bounds of the race track or in the immediate area of fence lines (10m) during racing or trialing
- Owner / carer shall be responsible for the confinement/restraint of their animal, which is the preferred option during racing and trialing
- Owner / carer shall be responsible for ensure an excrement is immediately removed and appropriately disposed of
- Where an animal is to be utilised in a promotion or event prior, during or immediately post racing or trialing; Stewards shall be notified 48 hours (or as soon as possible) in advance and a public noticed placed to advise participants

STAFF OBLIGATIONS

- Staff must monitor patrons use of site, in particular those in possession of an animal other than a greyhound.
- Managers must ensure register is completed and Stewards advised as required
- Report any presence of animals on a race track outside of the register to Manager, for action as required. This may include:
 - Pest treatment
 - Utilisation of animal rescue services (RSPCA / Wires)
 - Advice to Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission if concerns are held on inappropriate or illegal actions being undertaken on course.

COMPLIANCE

A breach of your obligations under this policy will be considered misconduct and may result in disciplinary action including termination of employment.

As an employee of the NSW GBOTA, Stewards can call an employee or registered participant before an inquiry, should a breach of Racing Rules or Australian/NSW Laws be found to have occurred.

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