

BREEDING FACTSHEET

This factsheet provides you with details on the processes and forms to be completed for breeding greyhounds in Tasmania. The Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) is the regulator in Tasmania.

If you decide you would like to breed your own greyhounds, please make sure that you follow the steps below to ensure the process is as quick and seamless as possible.

1. Stud Master

- This is the person who is going to be responsible for the Sire (male greyhound) in a breeding pair. Under Tasmanian rules this person must be licensed as an Owner or Trainer but does not require a particular Stud Master registration and is usually the registered owner of the greyhound or person with authority to use this greyhound for breeding purposes named in the “Authority to Register Sires, Services or Litters” form available on the ORI website <http://dpiuwe.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

2. Stud Sire Registration (Male Greyhound)

- To be able to breed in Australia, male greyhounds must first be registered as Stud Sires. This process is not administered by state jurisdictions; it is done through the national controlling body Greyhounds Australasia (GA).
- To register your greyhound as a Stud Sire you must complete a “Stud Sire Registration” form which can be found in the “Forms” section on the GA website www.galtd.org.au/
- Part of the registration process includes a DNA test, which is also facilitated through GA and the required forms and information is available on their website.
- You will also need to provide a “Semen Evaluation Report” with the application. This form is also available on the GA website.
- Submit the forms and payment directly to GA.
- If not already completed, make sure you have the DNA test done and send the sample to the laboratory for testing as quickly as possible to allow your application to be considered and processed.
- GA will forward the application to the relevant jurisdiction for consideration and approval. Once the DNA fingerprint result is returned, registration will be completed and you will be notified accordingly.

3. Breeding Female Registration

- With the introduction of new rules in relation to the breeding of greyhounds on 1 August 2015, you are now required to have a female greyhound that you want to use for breeding purposes, registered to do so.
- To register the female greyhound for breeding you must do the following –
 - Ensure you are licensed as a Breeder. Application forms and information are available on ORI's website. To obtain this licence you must already be licensed in the greyhound industry in Tasmania.
 - Submit an "Application for Breeding Identification Card" form, which is available on our website.
 - Submit a copy of a veterinary certificate indicating a C5 vaccination. This should include the greyhound's name, earbrand and microchip number together with the name of the veterinary surgeon, the clinic and the date of vaccination.
 - DNA fingerprinting details must be recorded.
 - The greyhound must have a microchip implanted.
 - Submit the greyhound's Registration Certificate or ID Card.
 - The application must be from the registered owner/s or person who has authority to use her for breeding purposes and is named on the "Authority to Register Sires, Services or Litters" form.
 - If you and the greyhound meet all requirements and is not over 8 years of age, already whelped three (3) litters or whelped two (2) litters in the past 18 months, the application will be processed and you will be provided with a "PINK" Greyhound Breeding Identification Card. This card can also be used should this female still be racing.
 - Currently a fee to register a Breeding Female is not being imposed. If this were to change, it is intended that only a small administrative fee would be applied.

4. Application for Breeding Exemption

- If the female greyhound you wish to use for breeding purposes is 8 years of age or older or has already whelped three (3) litters, you will need to apply for an Exemption to Breed.
- You must submit the following –
 - Application to Breed with a Female over Eight Years of Age and/or Breed Over Three Litters (which includes a full veterinary report)
 - Vaccination certificate indicating a C5 vaccination
- Applications will be considered against the criteria contained in the Tasracing policy.
- Pups which are not of an age to be eligible to be named will not be included when considering criteria percentages.
- If your application for exemption is approved, this will allow one (1) additional service/insemination only, irrespective of the result of said service/insemination. The service must be completed within 120 days from the date of the veterinary examination.

- If your application is denied, you have your right of appeal to the Tasmanian Racing Appeal Board.
- Should you wish to have the greyhound served for subsequent litters, you must make an application for exemption on each occasion.

5. When Mating with Frozen Semen (FSI)

- If you intend to have a registered breeding female served using frozen semen, this must be done by an Approved Clinic. You must be able to show the veterinary surgeon the Breeding Identification Card so the greyhound can be identified prior to service.
- The Approved Clinic must make every endeavour to ensure the breeding female is registered and the breeding unit is transferred to the correct ownership prior to any service taking place.
- The owner/authorised breeder must ensure they have transferred the Frozen Semen Breeding Unit into their name. This must be done **prior to** the broodbitch being inseminated.
- Approved Clinics should be able to supply the “FSI Transfer of Ownership” form that you will need to transfer the breeding unit into the correct name. Alternatively, this form can be found in the “Forms” section on the Greyhounds Australasia website.
- Once the clinic has conducted the medical procedure, they must submit a Service Notice through to GA using an internal database. Approved Clinics are aware that this must be done, but please follow up with your clinic to make sure that they do this **within 14 days** of the breeding female being served as failure to do this will delay the process.
- GA will advise the relevant State Controlling Body of the service once all details are correct and fees have been paid.
- Once all of this is complete, the Office of Racing Integrity will have everything we need to provide you with a Result of Mating / Whelping Notice.

6. When Mating Naturally or Through Artificial Insemination (AI)

- When a registered breeding female is to be served naturally or through AI, the Stud Master must submit an “Application to Register a Service by a Registered Stud Dog” form to ORI **within 14 days** of the breeding female being served.
- The studmaster must make every effort to ensure the breeding female is appropriately registered prior to conducting a service.
- ORI will provide you with a Result of Mating / Whelping Notice.

7. Result of Mating

- The Result of Mating form must be completed and returned with the applicable fee to ORI **within 14 days** of the pups being born, or **within 14 days** of the breeding female’s expected due date. Please note that you **must** return the Result of Mating even if no pups are actually born, i.e. a nil whelp.

- Please provide a short explanation should any pups be deceased either at birth or after but prior to the lodgement of the whelping notice.
- **If you are whelping your litter interstate, you should inform ORI in order to avoid possible penalties.**
- After receiving the Result of Mating, ORI will prepare Litter Registration documents and forward to either the breeder or the relevant Marking Official according to the area where the pups have whelped.
- **Until the litter is earbranded and marked up, they must remain in the same location as the breeding female to assist with identification purposes.** If it is necessary to move the pups or the broodbitch, ORI must be advised of the intended location and they must all be moved together. If it is not possible to keep the litter together, permission must be gained from ORI to separate the litter. If separated prior to earbranding without permission, it may be necessary for pups to be DNA tested to confirm parentage. This would be at the expense of the breeder.
- Pups must be vaccinated with a C3 vaccination at between 6 and 8 weeks of age. A certificate of vaccination identifying the greyhounds by reference to its sex and colour must be obtained.
- Earbranding is recommended at between 8 and 10 weeks of age. You should contact the Marking Official in your area to organise a suitable time for earbranding to be completed.
- Pups must be microchipped following earbranding by an Approved Implanter with an approved microchip and a further C5 vaccination administered between 10 and 16 weeks of age. A certificate of vaccination identifying the greyhounds by reference to its sex, colour, earbrand and/or microchip identifications must be obtained.

8. Litter Registration

- The “Application to Register a Litter” form must be returned to ORI **within 4 months** of the pups’ whelping date.
- This form requires that all pups are earbranded, microchipped and vaccinated as required under the rules.
- If any greyhound has died between original notification and earbranding, you should submit a Statutory Declaration explaining the cause of death.
- ORI will process the Litter Registration and issue “Application for Registration and Naming of a Greyhound” form for each pup in the litter.
- You will also be provided with copies of the “Application to Transfer an Unnamed Greyhound” which must be completed and returned to ORI each time a pup is sold or transferred to a new owner prior to the greyhound being officially named. There is no fee to transfer the ownership of an unnamed pup.
- As pups are sold the “Breeders Record Sheet” should be completed and once all pups have been sold, a copy of this form should be submitted to ORI.

9. Naming Application

- When your pups reach a minimum of 12 months old, the owner/s can complete the “Application for Registration and Naming of a Greyhound” form and relevant fee should be submitted to ORI with the certificate of vaccination indicating that a C5 inoculation was given to the greyhound when it was at least 12 months of age.

10. Greyhound Identification Card

- Each greyhound named will be issued with a Greyhound Identification Card which should remain with the greyhound and returned to ORI should you wish to obtain a Breeding Identification Card (Pink Card) or when the greyhound is retired. It is not necessary to submit the card with applications to transfer the ownership of a greyhound.

If you have any questions about this information or any other matter, please feel free to contact our office for assistance.