

FACT SHEET

Greyhound Breeder Licensing

New Rules come into effect on 1 September 2017

Background

To bring Tasmania into alignment with the majority of other greyhound racing jurisdictions in Australia, new rules relating to the licensing of breeders will commence on 1 September 2017. The new rules are aimed at ensuring persons meet minimum requirements before breeding greyhounds.

Current Tasmanian rules state that any person licensed as an Owner or Trainer is permitted to breed greyhounds. From 1 September 2017 all persons wishing to breed greyhounds will be required to hold a breeder's licence.

Requirement to obtain a Breeder's Licence

Tasracing has determined the following as the requirements to obtain a Breeder's licence –

1. *Any person who has bred a litter in the past 3 racing seasons (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17) shall be deemed to be an existing breeder. A breeder's licence will be issued to existing breeders following submission of an application for a breeder's licence. No fee shall apply.*
2. *Any person who has not bred a litter in the past 3 racing seasons will be deemed to be a new applicant breeder. The applicant will be required to complete an application form; comply with the requirements of the breeder's licence, including lodgement of the breeder's licence fee; completion of the questionnaire from the breeder's education package; and national criminal check (if required).*
3. *Any new applicant breeder who can demonstrate sufficient breeding knowledge and experience (including breeding a litter(s) prior to the past 3 racing seasons), can apply to the Director of Racing to be recognized as an existing breeder. The application will be reviewed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian, who at their absolute discretion, shall determine if the application is to be approved. If approved the breeder's licence will be issued. No fee shall apply.*

Role of Office of Racing Integrity

The Office of Racing Integrity (ORI) is responsible for administering the above requirements set by Tasracing and the following should assist you to understand the process that will be followed.

What Activities Require a Breeder Licence?

Under the new rules, a person must hold a breeder's licence to:

- Register a Breeding Female;
- Arrange for the service or artificial insemination of a dam.

Failure to be licensed in accordance with the new rules (above) will be deemed a contravention, which is an offence for which you may be penalized by way of fine or registration of the service or litter denied.

What do I need to do if I have previously bred a litter of pups?

If you are the holder of a current licence as a participant in the Tasmanian greyhound racing industry, have bred a litter of greyhound pups in at least one of the past three seasons (14/15; 15/16 or 16/17) and wish to be deemed as an existing Breeder, you will be required to complete the **Existing Breeder Licence Application Form** and submit it to ORI during the 2017/18 season. This form will ask for your personal details and details about the breeding premises. A fee will not be applicable.

What do I need to do if I have previously bred a litter of pups but not in the past 3 seasons?

If you have bred a litter of greyhound pups prior to the 2014/15 season you will be deemed a new applicant breeder. You will be required to complete the **Breeder Licence Application Form** and submit it to ORI with the prescribed fee and a current National Police Record Check (if a current report is not already on your file). This form will ask for your personal details and details about the breeding premises. You will also be required to successfully complete the questionnaire relating to the **Breeder's Education Package** dependent on what activities you intend to undertake. IE: Breeder only – Units 1 and 2; Breeder & Whelpers – Units 1, 2 & 3; Breeder, Whelpers & Rearer – Units 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Your application will be assessed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian with respect to your knowledge and previous experience and if acceptable the licence will be issued. An inspection of your breeding facility may be required.

What if I have not bred a litter of greyhound pups but have other breeding experience?

If you believe you can demonstrate sufficient breeding knowledge and experience, you can submit an application detailing your experience together with all other requirements, IE Fee, relevant Questionnaire/s, Police History Report to ORI. The application will be assessed by the Director of Racing and the Regulatory Veterinarian, who at their absolute discretion, will determine if the application is to be approved and a breeder's licence issued.

How do I apply for a Breeder's Licence if I do not have any previous breeding experience?

If you wish to apply for a Breeder's licence for the first time and you have no previous experience, you will be required to complete the **Breeder Licence Application Form** and submit it to ORI with the prescribed fee and a current National Police Record Check (if a current report is not already on file with ORI). This form will ask for your personal details and details about the breeding premises. You will also be required to successfully complete the questionnaire relating to the **Breeder's Education Package** dependent on what activities you intend to undertake. IE: Breeder only – Units 1 and 2; Breeder & Whelpers – Units 1, 2 & 3; Breeder, Whelpers & Rearer – Units 1, 2, 3 & 4.

Once your application is received, you may be contacted to have your breeding facility inspected.

What will it cost me to obtain a Breeder's Licence?

There will be no charge for the Breeder's Licence if you have already bred a litter of pups in the past three (3) seasons or have an application approved based on your level of experience and knowledge prior to the past three (3) seasons and you are still currently licensed in the greyhound industry.

All other Breeder licence applications will attract a fee of \$25.

How old do I have to be to obtain a Breeder's Licence?

All applicants must be 18 years of age or older.

Will I need to renew my Breeder's Licence?

YES. The licence will need to be renewed annually and will attract whatever fee is set at that time.

What if my breeding female is already registered and/or pregnant as at 1 September 2017?

For that particular litter you would not need to do anything. Should you wish to continue to have your greyhound registered for breeding purposes, you would need to submit an application to be registered as an existing breeder.

Can I apply for a licence at any time?

Yes you certainly can but if you want to be recognized as an existing breeder (bred a litter in the past 3 seasons) and not be required to pay a fee, you will need to submit your application during the 2017/18 season.

All applications received after the 2017/18 season will attract the prescribed fee.

What information is contained in the Breeder’s Education Package and how do I get a copy?

The **Breeder’s Education Package** is an introductory guide to breeding and covers key areas such as “Getting Started”, “The Pregnancy”, “Whelping the Litter” and “Raising the Litter”.

There is a short questionnaire that applicants must successfully complete at the end of the Education Pack relevant to the areas of breeding a litter which you intend to undertake.

The application form, pack and questionnaire are available from the Office of Racing Integrity or on our website at - <http://dpiuwe.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

Once you complete the relevant sections of the questionnaire, please attach to the **Breeder Licence Application Form** and return both to ORI for processing.

What does the premises inspection cover?

Before a Breeder’s Licence is issued, the premises you intend to use for greyhound breeding may be inspected to ensure they meet the minimum standard that ensures adequate animal welfare outcomes.

You can find a copy of an Inspection Preparation Checklist on the ORI website - <http://dpiuwe.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

Once your Breeder’s Licence has been issued, you will be required to comply with the inspection requirements on an ongoing basis. Routine and random breeding premises inspections will be conducted to monitor your compliance.

How do I obtain further information?

All forms etc. are available from the ORI website - <http://dpiuwe.tas.gov.au/racing/greyhound-racing/registration-and-licensing-greyhound>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Racing Integrity – Operations Department team on (03) 6777 1900 for assistance.

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