



1. Purpose

The purpose of the On Track Injury Rebate Scheme (the **Scheme**) is to reduce the number of greyhounds that are euthanased as a result of sustaining a career ending injury at a Race Meeting by providing funding up to a maximum amount of \$2,000 (plus GST) towards the costs of veterinary treatment.

2. Scope

This Scheme applies to all licensed participants and greyhounds.

3. Definitions

Applicant means the owner of a greyhound that sustains an Eligible Injury and applies to Racing Queensland (RQ) for a rebate under the Scheme.

Race Meeting means a meeting for conducting racing of licensed animals (as those terms are defined in the *Racing Act 2002* (Qld)).

Steward means a steward employed by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

4. Scheme Detail

4.1. On Track Injury Rebate Scheme

The Scheme applies where a greyhound sustains an injury that is likely to end the greyhound's racing career:

- (a) during the course of a Race Meeting; and
- (b) the injury is an injury specified in section 4.2 or is an injury considered by a veterinarian as severe enough to warrant surgery,
(an **Eligible Injury**).

The Scheme does not apply to any injuries sustained by greyhounds during training activities or trials.

4.2. Injuries covered under the Scheme

Injuries to the following bones or joints are covered under the Scheme:

- (a) Humerus;
- (b) Radius;
- (c) Ulna;
- (d) Metacarpus/Metatarsus (Multiple);
- (e) Femur (Thigh Bone);
- (f) Hocks; and
- (g) Tibia.

4.3. Injuries not covered under the Scheme

The following types of injuries are not covered under the Scheme:

- (a) Cranium;
- (b) Vertebrae (Cervical);
- (c) Scapula;
- (d) Sternum (Breast Bone);
- (e) Carpus;
- (f) Metacarpus/Metatarsus (Single);
- (g) Phalanges (Toes);
- (h) Thorax (Ribcage);
- (i) Thoracic Vertebrae;
- (j) Lumbar Vertebrae;
- (k) Pelvis;
- (l) Patella (Knee Cap);
- (m) Fibula;
- (n) Tendon injuries;
- (o) Ligament injuries;
- (p) Muscle injuries; and

- (q) Lacerations.

4.4. Initial assessment

- (a) Where a greyhound is suspected of suffering an Eligible Injury, the greyhound must be assessed by the on-track veterinarian in consultation with the Steward in charge of the Race Meeting and a representative of the greyhound (e.g. the owner or trainer) (the **Assessors**).
- (b) The on-track veterinarian must determine the likely outcomes of any veterinary treatment and the prospects of recovery.
- (c) The on-track veterinarian may defer the assessment of the greyhound until a further diagnosis of the injury can be made at a veterinary clinic after the Race Meeting.
- (d) If the Assessors determine a positive welfare outcome can be achieved from veterinary treatment, the owner of the greyhound may:
- i. arrange for, and pay the costs of, the greyhound to be treated by a veterinarian; and
 - ii. apply to RQ for a rebate under the Scheme in accordance with section 4.7.

4.5. Treatment and recovery

- (a) If surgery is required, the on-track veterinarian will provide:
- i. the appropriate veterinary care to ensure the wellbeing of the greyhound prior to the scheduling of the surgery, which could require stabilisation of the injury overnight; and
 - ii. direction as to the most suitable care required for the greyhound prior to surgery.
- (b) Following surgery, the owner of the greyhound is responsible for caring for the greyhound for a minimum period of four (4) weeks or any other rehabilitation period as directed by the veterinarian that performed the surgery.
- (c) If the owner of the greyhound does not wish to keep the greyhound as a pet after the rehabilitation period specified in section 4.5(b), the owner may enter the greyhound in the Greyhound Adoption Program Queensland (**GAP**) and GAP will grant the greyhound priority entry into the program.

4.6. Recommended veterinary clinics

- (a) Any veterinary treatment provided to a greyhound must be undertaken by a veterinarian registered to practise and operate in Queensland.
- (b) RQ recommends that greyhounds are treated by a veterinarian familiar with the greyhound breed.

4.7. Application process

- (a) Applicants can apply to RQ for a rebate by:
- i. completing the On Track Injury Rebate Application Form; and
 - ii. providing any supporting documentation required by RQ including:
 - A. all clinical notes from the veterinarian; and
 - B. itemised invoices and receipts for the veterinary treatment.
- (b) Applications for a rebate under the Scheme must be submitted to RQ by email or post at:

Email address: grading@racingqueensland.com.au

Postal address: Attention: Greyhound Department
Racing Queensland Board (trading as Racing Queensland)
PO Box 63
Sandgate QLD 4017

4.8. Consideration of application

- (a) Where RQ is satisfied that:
- i. the greyhound has sustained an Eligible Injury; and
 - ii. the Applicant has complied with the application process set out in section 4.7,
- RQ will notify the Applicant that the greyhound is eligible to receive a rebate under the Scheme and pay the Applicant 80% of the reasonable veterinary costs for the Eligible Injury up to a maximum RQ payment of \$2,000 (plus GST).
- (b) Once an application has been approved by RQ and the rebate paid to the Applicant, RQ will place a penalty on the greyhound in the Ozchase system that will prevent the greyhound from being nominated for Race Meetings.

4.9. Reimbursement of the rebate

- (a) In the event that a greyhound recovers from the Eligible Injury and the Applicant intends to return the greyhound to racing activities, the Applicant must:
- i. reimburse RQ for the rebate paid to the Applicant under the Scheme; and
 - ii. provide RQ with a veterinary certificate that states the greyhound is fit to participate in racing activities,
- prior to the greyhound's first nomination.
- (b) Within 2 business days of receiving the reimbursement of the rebate and the veterinary certificate, RQ will remove the penalty placed on the greyhound and allow the greyhound to be nominated for Race Meetings.

4.10. Rights of appeal

- (a) If an injury is determined by RQ not to be an Eligible Injury under the Scheme, the Applicant may apply to RQ for a review of the decision.
- (b) An application for review must be made to RQ in writing within 10 business days of RQ notifying the Applicant that the injury is not an Eligible Injury under the Scheme.
- (c) The review cannot be undertaken by the same RQ officer who made the decision and must be undertaken by an RQ officer of the same or a higher level of seniority to that of the original decision-maker and an independent consultant with veterinary experience.
- (d) RQ will provide the Applicant with a written notice of the review decision and the review decision will be final.

5. Application of this Scheme

RQ may review, amend or discontinue this Scheme from time to time. We will notify you of any changes by posting an updated version of this Scheme or a notice on the Racing Queensland website (<http://www.racingqueensland.com.au/>).

6. Version History

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