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GREYHOUND REGISTRATION CARDS

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To consider a national approach for the introduction of greyhound registration cards.

BACKGROUND

The practice of producing greyhound registration certificates, which was introduced in the 1950's, is a labour intensive process that places a large administrative burden on jurisdictions.

Recent developments in technology, such as micro chipping and the development of new computer systems, present an opportunity to streamline the greyhound registration process without compromising integrity, providing the potential for substantial administrative efficiencies.

Some members flagged their intentions to replace registration certificates with a greyhound registration card as part of new system developments.

A paper exploring the concept of greyhound registration cards was developed and presented for discussion at the 2011 National Registrars and National Chief Stewards Conferences, with both forums generally supportive of the concept.

In addition the registration card was debated and discussed by GA's Rules-Sub Committee prior to being considered formally by the GA Board.

COMMENT

Whilst a move to a registration card constitutes a considerable change in current greyhound registration procedures and processes, the substantial benefits it will provide in reducing human resource savings and increasing administration efficiency, made it a worthwhile change for all jurisdictions to pursue.

National Approach

With some jurisdictions indicating they intend to move to a registration card in 2012, GA believes it is essential that a national approach on registration cards be adopted in order to provide consistency to participants from a racing perspective.

National agreement on the registration card based on information protocols and standards will assist in the move towards standardisation throughout the sport. Most importantly, it will allow participants to race in other jurisdictions without complications surrounding identification of greyhounds on race day.

Registration Card

Introduction of a registration card had to address three components as per below:

1. Effective date

- Greyhound registration cards are to be introduced from 1 January 2012.
- Production of greyhound registration certificates are to be phased out by 31 December 2012.

2. Rule changes

Numerous rule changes will be introduced from 1 January 2012 to officially recognise a greyhound registration card as a form of ID.

3. Content of the card

The greyhound registration card is to include the following mandatory data fields:

- Name of greyhound
- Earbrand
- Microchip number
- Card number (numbering system to align with the current registration certificates)
- Whelping date
- Colour
- Sex
- Sire
- Dam
- State Logo (in top right corner)
- Standard jurisdiction matters on rear of card
- GA Logo (hot foil stamp)
- Distinguished features

<input type="checkbox"/>	Mane (M)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roman Nose (RN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kink Tail (KT)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Tip Tail (WTT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cowlick (Ck)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Undershot Jaw (UJ)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Toe Off (TO)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Tail (DT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Crown (Cn)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White On Nose (WoN)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Chest Blaze (CB)	<input type="checkbox"/>	White Toes (WT)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Piece Out Ear (POE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Muzzle (DM)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wh Chest Low (WCL)	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Dew Claw (NDC)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dark Ears (DE)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scar (S)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wh Chest High (WCH)	<input type="checkbox"/>	1 / No Testicle (1/NT)

A review of the appropriateness of the distinguished features list regarding identification is to occur after 2 years.

POLICY POSITION

Effective 1 January 2012, the GA Board resolved to adopt a National policy position with regard to Greyhound Registration Cards as per this document.