

THIRD GIRI PUBLIC PROGRESS STATEMENT

This statement from the Greyhound Industry Reform Inspector (GIRI), represents the industry's progress through the first nine months of the two-year reform period.

At the time of writing, the GIRI has verified 16 recommendations arising from the Independent Inquiry into the Governance of the Greyhound Racing Industry, as currently implemented. One other recommendation has been assessed as partly implemented and the GIRI is seeking additional information on 5 recommendations. Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) has advised that progress is underway on the remaining 57 recommendations for which they are responsible.

The following recommendations have been endorsed as complete:

Recommendation 1	The Terms of Reference for the Integrity Welfare Committee be amended such that members of the Integrity Hearings Panel cannot also sit on the Integrity Welfare Committee, to ensure the functions of the IWC and IHP are free from any potential conflicts.
Recommendation 4	GRSA adopt and implement McGrathNicol's recommendation with respect to periodic declaration of private interests and periodic probity statements by the Board.
Recommendation 8	GRSA to develop and implement a staff code of conduct to provide its employees with clear instructions about what they can and can't do in the workplace, including ethical obligations, values, accountability, standard of conduct, standard of practice, and disciplinary procedures.
Recommendation 15	GRSA replace the <i>KnowTellProtect</i> webpage with a prominent "Contact GRSA" webpage with separate forms for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reporting animal welfare concerns, suspicious behaviour or any other unlawful conduct relating to greyhounds and the greyhound racing industry • Making a complaint or providing feedback about GRSA or its staff • Submitting a media enquiry • Submitting a general enquiry Each avenue for contacting GRSA should autogenerate an appropriate acknowledgement from GRSA with details regarding timeframes for consideration of the same and when a response can be expected.
Recommendation 16	GRSA implement a procedure for managing complaints regarding animal welfare and other unlawful conduct to ensure they are actioned in a timely manner by the appropriate branch within GRSA. All reports/complaints of that nature should be tabled at the Integrity Welfare Committee meetings to identify trends and ensure they have been actioned appropriately.
Recommendation 21	Stewards should only record significant interference on stewards' reports and append video footage of the race to the steward report.
Recommendation 24	GRSA publish a quarterly analysis of greyhound injury data in the same manner as GWIC. This analysis must be published to the community.
Recommendation 25.6	GRSA implement the following track safety initiatives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of GWIC style quarterly racetrack injury report.

Recommendation 31	Greyhound Racing SA to review format of Inspection record to require date of last inspection, more descriptive answers and include important questions which were previously asked in relation to care and management of property, cleaning and feeding regime, exercise regime, description of kennels and require photographs of non-compliant items to be inserted at relevant points as evidence and future reference.
Recommendation 32	That the Premises Inspection/Greyhound Audit template should require the inspector to record how many dogs are registered against the participant prior to the audit being carried out and how many dogs were located at the premises and require an explanation to be recorded for any discrepancy (in addition to the microchip audit).
Recommendation 40	GRSA Animal Welfare Policy 2021 should be amended to make expanded and specific reference to tethering. A policy position should be that greyhounds are only to be tethered for the minimum practical time and for no more than two hours. If a greyhound is tethered for any period of time, it should be provided access to water.
Recommendation 41	GRSA should adopt the following policy regarding pest control in both indoor and outdoor kennel facilities: Safe and effective measures must be taken to control pests and vermin (including fleas, ticks, flies, mosquitoes, spiders, snakes and rodents) in greyhound housing areas. Pest control chemicals must be kept in their original container and used and stored in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Greyhounds must be removed from any areas where and while noxious pest control chemicals are being used.
Recommendation 49	Once the potential conflict between IWC Chair and IHP Chair is addressed, the IWC should regularly review penalty outcomes to ensure they align to penalty guidelines and serve as an adequate deterrent to industry.
GRSA Recommendation 5	Revise the Local Rules and Animal Welfare Policy of GRSA to explicitly state that all greyhounds, including those intended for breeding, must be registered with the Dog and Cat Management Board. This requirement applies to both new greyhound registrations and those approved for breeding purposes.
GRSA Recommendation 9	GRSA move from the <i>Know Tell Protect</i> initiative to a more independent and secure platform similar to Crime Stoppers, such as <i>Safe2Say</i> .
GRSA Recommendation 19	Within its Integrity and Welfare Committee, GRSA should institute a recurring agenda item dedicated to Reviewing all significant racing injuries and on-track fatalities. This measure aims to detect any discernible patterns or factors that could be significant contributing factors to these injuries or fatalities.
RSPCA Recommendation 7	Increase the monitoring and application of penalties for the use of banned substances. The risk of disciplinary actions must provide more incentive to curb their use.