

## Homing Assistance Scheme

### Purpose

The purpose of the *Homing Assistance Scheme* (the Scheme) is to minimise the risk of uncontrolled breeding of NSW greyhounds<sup>1</sup> and arrange for NSW greyhounds to start life as desexed companion animals in good health. Under the Scheme, specified veterinary costs are eligible for a limited financial rebate paid by Greyhound Racing NSW (GRNSW). The following individuals or groups can apply:

1. owners of greyhounds registered with the Greyhounds Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) who retire a greyhound and intend to keep their greyhound as a pet or rehome the greyhound to family or friends or;
2. pet owners who have adopted an undesexed GWIC registered greyhound or;
3. rehoming organisations who have had undesexed GWIC registered greyhounds relinquished to them.

Funding under the Scheme is primarily for the greyhound to be desexed and in good health before becoming a companion animal. The greyhound undergoing desexing is also eligible for a rebate for a veterinary consultation, minor dental work, a booster vaccination (C5 or full C7 course) and a heartworm SNAP test (or equivalent) with heartworm preventative/treatment.

### Rebate Payment

There are 2 options for payment to be made under the Scheme.

#### 1. Reimbursement to Owner or New Pet Owner or Rehoming Organisation

The owner or rehoming organisation pays the veterinarian and claims a reimbursement from GRNSW. This invoice receipt must be attached to the application and clearly state that payment for desexing and other eligible procedures has been made in full. Other procedures undertaken under general anaesthesia, such as nail clipping, are not covered under this Scheme.

#### 2. Payment to Veterinary Practitioner

The first option is direct payment to the veterinarian who has performed the procedures. The registered owner of the greyhound is invoiced directly and forwards this to GRNSW for payment. As the veterinary treatment is authorised by the owner, the invoice must clearly state the owner's details (including name, address and phone number).

- a. Invoices must not state Greyhound Racing NSW (nor Greyhounds As Pets NSW) as the Payer as neither entity authorises individual greyhounds' veterinary treatment.
- b. The owner must ensure the veterinary practitioner agrees to receiving payment at a later date. Veterinary practitioners reserve the right to refuse this payment option.

### Terms and Conditions

#### Owners:

By applying for a financial rebate under the Scheme, you accept and agree to the following terms and conditions. Please read them carefully.

1. You are authorised to present the greyhound for the treatment and procedures under the Scheme.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW Greyhounds are those that meet 2 of the 3 criteria:

1. Whelped in NSW (e.g., will have a left ear brand commencing in "N");
2. Undertaken the majority its training or racing in NSW ("majority" is defined as over 50% duration as a race-registered greyhound by a GWIC-registered NSW trainer or over 50% of race starts in NSW)
3. Owned by a GWIC-registered owner residing in NSW at the time the veterinary procedures under the Homing Assistance Scheme and/or the Homing Assistance Scheme application is submitted.

### Terms and Conditions cont.

2. Under the Scheme your greyhound will undergo a physical examination and a desexing procedure at a licenced veterinary hospital in NSW. If required, as assessed by a veterinarian, your greyhound may also undergo a dental care procedure, heartworm testing and receive a vaccination followed by the appropriate heartworm preventative medicine or treatment.
3. Under the scheme the total amount payable is capped as follows:
  - a. consultation and desexing \$450 - including cryptorchid male desex procedures
  - b. dental treatment \$200
  - c. booster vaccination \$100 C7 or \$55 C5 C7 rebates only eligible once both C2i injections are administered 2-4 weeks apart
  - d. heartworm preventative or treatment (if needed) \$100 Includes SNAP test (or equivalent)
  - e. pre-anaesthetic blood test\* \$100 \*For greyhounds 7 years of age or older, there is a rebate for a pre-general anaesthesia blood test performed before the desexing procedure.

The total amount of financial assistance under the Scheme for any individual undesexed greyhound under the age of 7 years is \$850. The total rebate amount for any undesexed greyhound 7 years or older is \$950.

4. Payments above the cap may be made in certain circumstances involving surgical complications or where dental extractions are required. In such cases details of the surgical complication and dental extractions must be provided by the attending veterinarian and payments are made at the discretion of the GRNSW General Manager Greyhound Development and Advocacy.
5. GRNSW or GAP NSW will not be responsible for any veterinary treatment costs beyond the procedures and treatment covered under the Scheme (see 2 above).
6. You are responsible for making the necessary arrangements with a veterinary hospital of your choice for the procedures to be carried out.
7. You are responsible for making an assessment of the suitability of the greyhound to the environment, people and other animals (pets) in the new home. Your greyhound will not be required to have a behavioural assessment by GAP NSW; however, arrangements can be made to have a behavioural assessment by GAP NSW should you choose to do so. In that case, desexing is carried out prior to the behaviour assessment.
8. It is permissible to relinquish the greyhound to a rehoming agency if the circumstances change after you have rehomed the greyhound, however, no further claims of rehoming assistance from GAP NSW or GRNSW can be made by you as the owner, any new owner or the rehoming agency in relation to the particular greyhound.
9. By entering your greyhound into the Homing Assistance Scheme, you understand, that GRNSW (and GAP NSW) reserve the right to refuse your greyhound entrance in to the Scheme.
10. Applications must be submitted within 90 days of the veterinary procedure. Late applications will not be accepted.

### Rehoming Organisations:

By entering a greyhound into the Scheme, you accept and agree to the following terms and conditions. Please read them carefully.

1. You are a registered community-based animal organisation.
2. You agree to rehome greyhounds only once they have been desexed.
3. You endeavour to find suitable homes matched to a greyhound's health and behavioural needs.
4. You have read and understood [GWIC's Greyhound Rehoming Policy](#).