

OESTRUS SUPPRESSION IN GREYHOUNDS

On 1 January 2016, Greyhounds Australasia introduced anabolic androgenic steroids to the list of Permanently Banned Prohibited Substances within GAR 79A(2).

The only exempted substance listed within GAR 1 is as follows:

Ethyoestrenol when administered orally to a greyhound bitch and where it has been prescribed by a veterinary surgeon for the sole purpose of regulating or preventing oestrus in that bitch.

This means that ethyoestrenol (**Orabolin™**) given orally for suppressing oestrus is **allowable** within the rules.

Other trainers prefer to manage their racing bitches without using oestrus suppressing medications. It is possible to continue to train through the bitches heat and if there are issues with prolonged oestrus or pseudopregnancy, your veterinarian can administer treatment for this in the form of a prostaglandin or a GnRH product (Fertagyl™)

Currently the human pill is not an exempted substance under the Rules. Therefore, these medications must not be present in a greyhound on race day.

There are no injectable substances that can be used for oestrus suppression.

The following substances, which have been used in the past to control oestrus in the bitch, are not allowed.

**Testosterone (includes Testaprop™),
Nandrolone, Stanozolol.**

A more complete list can be found on the following link on The Dogs website:

<http://www.thedogs.com.au/NewsArticle.aspx?NewsId=7184>

Controlling bodies will strictly enforce the rule changes relating to the possession of, acquiring of or attempting to acquire prohibited Anabolic Androgenic Steroids. All participants are strongly encouraged to examine any medications in their possession and appropriately discard any Anabolic Androgenic Steroid, as well as other medications that have expired or breach the rules of racing.

Out of Competition testing and hair testing for Anabolic Androgenic Steroids will be routinely enforced from 1 July 2016 to allow a safe wash out period of these substances. However, a ban on the administration of these substances is now in operation, and controlling bodies reserve the right to prosecute breaches of this rule if scientific evidence suggests the substances have been administered following 1 January 2016.

Queries regarding this fact sheet can be made by calling **(02) 8767 0500** or by emailing vets@grnsw.com.au.