

GREYHOUND WELFARE, HEALTH & MEDICATION - CHAPTER 18

ARCI-018-005 Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to ensure that greyhounds participating in races in this jurisdiction shall be treated humanely.

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ARCI-018-010 Female Greyhound Considerations

- (1) Female greyhounds in season are not permitted on the race course.
- (2) Females coming in season during the race meeting shall not be accepted for entry within 30 days from the date of coming in season.
- (3) Females in milk are not eligible to school or to race.
- (4) Females in season must be reported to the judges and the veterinarian. Owners and trainers failing to report this condition promptly shall be fined and/or suspended.

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ARCI-018-015 General Care of Greyhounds

- (1) All greyhounds shall be properly cared for on a daily basis. This includes physically inspecting the greyhounds for sores, cuts, abrasions, muzzle burns, fleas and ticks and providing adequate feed.
- (2) Greyhounds shall be provided with clean, fresh water in runs/exercise areas and turn-out pens at all times.
- (3) All food and water dishes shall be free of foreign substances.
- (4) Greyhounds shall be reasonably free of fleas and ticks. Care shall be taken to ensure that the greyhounds do not ingest chemicals used to control fleas and ticks.
- (5) Sick, diseased or injured greyhounds shall be provided with proper veterinary care.
- (6) Dropping buckets shall have lids in place except while in use and shall be stored in an area removed from kennel housing and runs.
- (7) Muzzles used shall be lightweight, plastic or padded wire type. Worn, broken or rusted muzzles are prohibited.
- (8) All greyhounds shall be vaccinated annually against common canine diseases such as parvo, rabies, distemper, hepatitis, adenovirus type 2, parainfluenza and leptospira. Current records shall be kept and available for review by the Commission or its designee.

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ARCI-018-020 Medications and Drugs

- (1) A person shall not administer or apply or cause to be administered or applied any unauthorized medication to any greyhound participating in a race.
- (2) Urine, blood and other specimens from greyhounds shall be taken and tested as the judges of the race meeting or the Commission's representatives may designate. Such tests shall be under the supervision of the Commission. The specimens shall be collected by the veterinarian or such other person as the Commission may designate.

- (3) If the judges find that any foreign substance has been administered internally or externally, to a greyhound before a race, the judges shall impose a sanction they deem proper under any of the rules, including reference to the Commission, against every owner and/or lessee and/or trainer responsible for the proper care and protection of the greyhounds involved and against every person found by them to have administered or have attempted to administer or have caused an attempt to administer or to have conspired with another person to administer such foreign substance.
- (4) Foreign substances which are shown to come through the food chain may have a tolerance level set for the substance by the Commission.
- (5) The kennel operator, trainer, lead-out or any other person having charge, custody or care of the greyhound is obligated to protect the greyhound properly and guard it against such administration or attempted administration, and if the judges find that any person has failed to show proper protection and guarding of the greyhound, or if the judges find that any kennel operator and/or lessee and/or trainer is guilty of negligence with respect thereto, they shall impose a sanction they deem proper under any of the rules including reference to the Commission.
- (6) The owner and/or lessee of the greyhound so found to have received administration shall be denied or shall promptly return any portion of the purse or stakes together with any trophy in such race and the same shall be distributed as in the case of a disqualification. If a greyhound is disqualified in a race because of this rule the eligibility of other greyhounds which ran in the race and which have started in a subsequent race before announcement of the disqualification shall not be affected.
- (7) The kennel operator, trainer or authorized representative shall be present in the testing area when a post race urine or other specimen is taken from his/her greyhound and shall remain until the sample tag is signed by the kennel operator, trainer or authorized representative as witness to the taking of the specimen.
- (8) The Commission may determine that pre-race testing or sampling is required. If this type of testing or sampling is instituted, the requirements of section 7 of this rule shall not be in effect.
- (9) Refusal to allow the taking of any specimen or refusal to sign the specimen tag to the taking of a specimen, or any act or threat to impede, prevent or otherwise interfere with shall be reported to the judges.
- (10) The representative of the Commission may take for analysis samples of any medicine or other materials suspected of containing improper medications or drugs which could affect the racing conditions of a greyhound in a race.
- (11) Any portion of the purse shall be redistributed as ordered by the judges in accordance with the provisions of this section. This rule shall apply only to the amount payable to the owner or owners of the disqualified greyhound and shall not prevent payment due to other greyhounds in the race.
- (12) Every kennel operator, trainer or authorized agent shall immediately, whenever requested by the judges, submit any greyhound under his/her authority to any veterinarian designated by the judges for such examination or tests as the veterinarian may deem advisable.

- (13) Any test or examination made by the veterinarian designated by the judges may be witnessed by the judges or their representatives, the kennel operator, his/her authorized agent or the trainer of the greyhounds so examined or tested.
- (14) No person except a licensed veterinarian shall have in his/her possession within any racetrack enclosures any hypodermic syringe or needle or any instrument capable of administering a medication, foreign substance or injectable. Persons in possession of hypodermic syringes and/or needles for personal medical use shall file written notification of their medical condition with the board of judges.
- (15) The Commission may authorize a designee to enter into or upon the buildings, rooms or other places within the association grounds to examine the same and to inspect and examine the personal property and effects of any person. Licensees consent to the search and seizure of prohibited substances or articles.
- (16) Any usage of anabolic steroids involving racing greyhounds is prohibited, except that the administration of oral, or as otherwise prescribed by a licensed veterinarian, testosterone shall be permitted for the control of estrus in female racing greyhounds provided it is validly prescribed and properly labeled.

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Version 4.5 to 4.6 ARCI Board 7/31/09: amended added anabolic steroid language

Version 8.1 to 8.2, ARCI Board of Directors, 12/8/2017 amended ARCI-018-020 (16) (added "estrus control language")

ARCI-018-025 Euthanasia

- (1) Licensed veterinarians subject to the jurisdiction of the Commission shall only use a lethal injection of barbiturates to euthanize a greyhound. This action will only be permitted in the event of a catastrophic injury or medical condition/illness.
- (2) Only a licensed veterinarian shall administer such barbiturates.
- (3) Such barbiturates shall be administered in a manner sufficient to ensure that the animal feels no pain or discomfort.
- (4) Violation of this rule shall subject the violator to the penalties prescribed by the Commission.
- (5) The commission veterinarian should conduct a postmortem examination on every greyhound to determine the injury or sickness which resulted in the euthanasia or death if:
 - (a) A greyhound suffers a breakdown on the racetrack; or
 - (b) A greyhound expires while kenneled on facility premises

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ARCI-018-039 Transportation of Greyhounds

- (1) When transported within the state or jurisdiction, all greyhounds shall be hauled in crates designated for the sole purpose of transporting greyhounds. These crates shall be a minimum of two feet wide, three feet long and 34 inches high.
- (2) When transporting racing greyhounds to and from the racetrack, there shall be allowed a maximum of two greyhounds per crate, provided that there is enough space for each greyhound to comfortably turn about, sit, lie and stand erect. When

otherwise transporting greyhounds within the state or jurisdiction, there shall be allowed only two greyhounds per crate, provided that there is enough space for each greyhound to comfortably turn about, sit, lie and stand erect.

- (3) The crates shall be of sound construction and maintained in good repair to ensure that the health and safety of the greyhounds are not endangered.
- (4) Floors and lower sides of the crates shall be constructed or shall be covered on the inner surfaces to contain excreta and bedding materials.
- (5) The crates shall be cleaned and sanitized at least daily, or more frequently as may be necessary in order to maintain a sanitary environment for the greyhounds.
- (6) Hauling vehicles shall provide ventilation that reaches each greyhound by means of windows, vents, air conditioner or evaporative cooling system. Air conditioning, or evaporative cooling devices in good working order shall be provided when the atmospheric temperature is above _____ degrees Fahrenheit to provide comfort to the greyhounds during transport. Heat, insulation or bedding adequate to provide warmth shall be provided when the atmospheric temperature is below _____ degrees Fahrenheit.
- (7) Greyhounds in hauling vehicles shall be inspected at least once in each four-hour period and their needs attended to immediately. Water shall be provided at each four-hour interval check.
- (8) Racing kennels, breeding farms or other operations that receive greyhounds transported from out-of-state locations shall maintain a log. The log shall include:
 - (a) Greyhound names, if applicable;
 - (b) Left and right ear tattoo numbers;
 - (c) Name of owner/lessees;
 - (d) Date of shipping/receiving;
 - (e) Purpose (breeding, racing, training);
 - (f) Name of hauling company and driver.
- (9) Newly arriving greyhounds shall be immediately given a physical evaluation by the owner or trainer of the kennel. Included in this evaluation shall be:
 - (a) Checking for ticks and fleas;
 - (b) The greyhounds general health;
 - (c) The greyhound's health certificate and vaccination record.

If necessary, the administration of any proper treatment shall be carried out within a reasonable period to ensure the health and safety of the greyhound.

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