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Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from 1 October to 31 December 2025 (Quarter 2 (Q2) 2025–26). The data in this report is derived from the *OzChase* system, and on-track veterinarian and race-day stewards' reports. It is produced by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) to document the following:

1. Greyhound pups whelped and named in Queensland, as reported by owners, and recorded by QRIC.
2. Greyhound injuries and deaths that have occurred at Queensland race meetings. The race-related injury data is sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, as well as OzChase system reports. Race-related injury data does not include injuries that occurred in trials.
3. Greyhound death and retirement notifications as reported to QRIC by Queensland licensees and owners and held in OzChase.

Reports of whelped, named, and retired greyhounds may vary over time for the same reporting period due to the timing of notification lodgement. To standardise these, they are recorded as at a particular date.

This quarterly report provides all stakeholders, including greyhound racing participants and the community with a summary of greyhound racing injury and registration parameters.

Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named

Table 1 outlines greyhound pups born (whelped) and named during the period 1 October to 31 December 2025, Q2. Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Table 1: Q2 2025–26 – greyhounds whelped and named

Quarter	Whelped	Named
October	106	96
November	64	43
December	102	50
Q2 Total	272	189

Injury Categories (Injury Severity Classification)

Greyhounds injured or involved in incidents at Queensland race meetings are examined by QRIC on-track veterinarians and included in the stewards' reports for each race meeting. Injuries vary from very minor injuries requiring no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period, to deaths or severe injuries resulting in euthanasia. Mandatory stand down periods according to injury severity allow for injury recovery before a greyhound is permitted to race again. Injuries are recorded as per QRIC on-track veterinarian and race-day stewards' reports, stored in the OzChase system.

Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds for Q2 2025–26

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1000 starters. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period. As the rate of injury is expressed per 1,000 starters, injuries sustained by non-starters (e.g. injuries sustained during trialling or prior to boxing) are not included.

During the period under review there were 179 greyhound race meetings, with 2,015 races, held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings 2,351 unique greyhounds started in a race.

Table 2 shows the total greyhound racing injuries including severity at Queensland race meetings in Q2 (with 14,779 starters).

Table 2: Q2 2025-26 Total greyhound racing injuries and severity

Injury category	Incapacitation period (stand-down)	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1000 starters
Category AG	Nil	23	1.56
Category BG	3 to 10 days	264	17.86
Category CG	14 to 21 days	107	7.24
Category DG	28 to 59 days	19	1.29
Category DF	60+ days	29	1.96
Category EF	Deceased or euthanised	7	0.47
Total A-E		449	30.38
Total F (Serious)		36	2.44
Total G (Non-serious)		413	27.95

Reported on-track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q2 2025–26

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race. These include sudden/unexpected deaths and injuries that result in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that may occur after race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought under Racing Queensland's Race Meeting Injury Scheme (these are captured through deceased retirement reporting).

Table 3 outlines greyhounds euthanised or deceased at Queensland race meetings during the quarter. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports. (Decisions regarding euthanasia are made based on the diagnosis and opinion of the on-track veterinarian at the time of the incident.)

Table 3: Q2 2025-26 Greyhounds euthanised on track

Injury	Count
Right foreleg radius/ulna fracture	1
Left foreleg radius/ulna fracture	2
Bilateral radius/ulna fractures	1
Right tarsus (hock) fracture	1
Left femur fracture	1
Acute Cardiac Incident	1
Total	7

Reported injuries by track

Table 4 provides the number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings in Q2 2025–26.

Table 4: Q2 2025-26 Greyhound race starters and all injuries

Venue	Surface	Starters	Total number of injury incidents	Total injury incidents per 1000 starters	Total deceased or euthanised on track	Deceased or euthanised on track per 1000 starters
Capalaba	Grass	2,022	60	29.67	0	N/A
Q Straight	Sand	2,503	63	25.17	0	N/A
Q1 Lakeside	Sand	5,005	149	29.77	2	0.40
Q2 Parklands	Sand	1,586	49	30.90	2	1.26
Rockhampton	Sand	1,754	60	34.21	2	1.14
Townsville	Sand	1,909	68	35.62	1	0.52
Totals		**14,779**	**449**	**30.38**	**7**	**0.47**

Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during Q2 2025–26

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase system. These notifications are self-reported by licensees to QRIC. QRIC's Licensing and Registration team must verify each notification before it can be entered into OzChase.

Table 5 presents data on greyhound retirement notifications reported to QRIC by owners. The data is categorised based on information provided by participants or by the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) on intake. The reports were sourced from OzChase on 27 January 2026. (Reports of retirements from OzChase may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications. To standardise these, they are taken from OzChase records at the midpoint of each following month).

Table 5: Q2 2025-26 Greyhound retirement notifications – reported by owners or the GAP

Category	Q2
Retired for breeding*	2
Retired to owner[1]	139
Retired to trainer[1]	17
Retired as a pet to a 3rd party	80
Retired to GAP	78
Retired to other adoption programs	33
Surrendered to another agency[2, 3, 4]	0
Exported	0
Other	3
Total retired	352

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain registered

Table 6 presents data for greyhound retirement notifications by status for Q2 2025–26 as reported to QRIC by owners.

Table 6: Q2 2025-26 Greyhound retirement notifications by status – reported by owners

Category	Named	Unnamed
Retired for breeding*	2	0
Retired to owner[1]	130	9
Retired to trainer[1]	17	0
Retired as a pet to a 3rd party	76	4
Retired to GAP	76	2
Retired to other adoption programs	32	1
Surrendered to other agency[2,3,4]	0	0
Exported	0	0
Other	3	0
Total retired	336	16

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain with licensees and are registered with QRIC

Caveats to Tables 5 and 6:

- The number of greyhounds retired to owners or trainers may have increased due to uptake of the Racing Queensland Greyhound Retirement Readiness Scheme, which reimburses desexing, dental, and vaccination costs. Individual greyhounds retired to owners/trainers may later be retired to a third party or adoption agency.
- Data from QRIC's Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) is included. However, intake and euthanasia data from other adoption programs and agencies is not available.
- New euthanasia, rehoming, and abandonment rules stipulate that "other agencies" must have the primary purpose of rehoming.
- Data for greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than GAP is currently not available unless provided by licensees in the greyhound's retirement notification.

Table 7 outlines greyhound mortality notifications reported to QRIC by licensees. The data is categorised based on information provided by participants and includes neonatal deaths and unnamed greyhounds. The reports were sourced from OzChase on 27 January 2026.

Table 7: Q2 2025-26 Greyhound mortality notifications – as reported by licensees

Category	Q2
Deceased accidental causes	19
Deceased due to injury	1
Deceased illness or age	12
Deceased natural causes	4
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	7
Euthanised due to illness or age	28
Euthanised due to injury	31
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	1
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	22
Euthanised by GAP – medical and behavioural issues	8
Total deceased or euthanised	133

Table 8 outlines greyhound mortality notifications by status as reported to QRIC by licensees.

Table 8: Q2 2025-26 Greyhound mortality notifications by status

Category	Named	Unnamed
Deceased accidental causes	15	4
Deceased due to injury	1	0
Deceased illness or age	8	4
Deceased natural causes	3	1
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	7	0
Euthanised due to illness or age	24	4
Euthanised due to injury	27	4
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	1	0
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	22	0
Humanely euthanised by GAP - health and behavioural issues	7	1
Total deceased or euthanised	115	18