



Greyhound Breeding, Race Injury and Retirement Report

Q1 2025-2026

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Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from 1 July to 30 September 2025 (Quarter 1 (Q1) 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 Q1 2025–26 period. Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Table 1: Q1 2025–26 – greyhounds whelped and named

	Whelped	Named
July	91	86
August	47	64
September	35	56
Q1 Total	173	206

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 Q1 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 1000 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 2004 races, held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings 2489 unique greyhounds started in a race.

Table 2 shows the total greyhound racing injuries including severity at Queensland race meetings in Q1 2025–26 (with 15,217 starters).

Table 2: Q1 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	1.51
Category BG	3 to 10 days	255	16.76
Category CG	14 to 21 days	81	5.32
Category DG	28 to 59 days	19	1.25
Category DF	60+ days	25	1.64
Category EF	Deceased or euthanised	4	0.26
Total A-E		407	26.75
Total F (Serious)		29	1.91
Total G (Non-serious)		378	24.84

Reported on-track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q1 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: Q1 2025–26 – Greyhounds euthanised or deceased

Injury	Count
Right foreleg humerus fracture	1
Right foreleg radius/ulna fracture	1
Left foreleg radius/ulna fracture + left hindleg tibial fracture	1
Right hindleg tarsus fracture	1
Total	4

Reported injuries by track

Table 4 provides the number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings in Q1 2025–26.

Table 4: Q1 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
Albion Park ¹	Sand	96	2	N/A	0	N/A
Capalaba	Grass	1763	34	19.29	0	N/A
Q Straight	Sand	2845	66	23.20	0	N/A
Q1 Lakeside	Sand	5060	132	26.09	1	0.2
Q2 Parklands	Sand	1350	39	28.89	0	N/A
Rockhampton	Sand	2061	59	28.63	2	0.97
Townsville	Sand	2042	71	34.77	1	0.49
Totals		15,217	403	26.48	4	0.26

Caveat 1. Albion Park track held its final meeting on 6 July 2025.

Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised or rehomed during Q1 2025–26

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, deceased 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 16 October 2025. (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: Q1 2025–26 – greyhound retirement notifications – reported by owners or the GAP

Category	Q1
Retired for breeding*	4
Retired to owner ¹	158
Retired to trainer ¹	16
Retired as a pet to a 3rd party	82
Retired to GAP	74
Retired to other adoption programs	24
Surrendered to another agency ^{2, 3, 4}	0
Exported	0
Other	0
Total retired	358

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain registered

*See below Table 6 for other caveats

Table 6 presents data for greyhound retirement notifications by status for Q1 2025–26 as reported to QRIC by owners.

Table 6: Q1 2025–26 – greyhound retirement notifications by status – reported by owners

Category	Named	Unnamed
Retired for breeding*	4	0
Retired to owner ¹	155	3
Retired to trainer ¹	16	0
Retired as a pet to a 3rd party	75	7
Retired to GAP	60	14
Retired to other adoption programs	20	4
Surrendered to other agency ^{2,3,4}	0	0
Exported	0	0
Other	0	0
Total retired	330	28

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

Caveats to Tables 5 and 6:

- The number of greyhounds classified as retired to owners or trainers may fluctuate due to the increased 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) may also fluctuate due to the increased uptake of the Racing Queensland Greyhound Retirement Readiness Scheme. Individual greyhounds are classified in the OzChase system as rehomed to GAP while participating in the scheme and then retirement to owners/trainers or a third party or adoption agency upon completion.
- Amended 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 17 October 2025.

Table 7: Q1 2025–26 – greyhound mortality notifications – as reported by licensees

Category	Q1
Deceased accidental causes	6
Deceased due to injury	2
Deceased illness or age	15
Deceased natural causes	4
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	4
Euthanised due to illness or age	24
Euthanised due to injury	34
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	20
Euthanised by GAP – medical and behavioural issues	0
Total deceased or euthanised	109

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

Table 8: Q1 2025–26 – greyhound mortality notifications by status

Category	Named	Unnamed
Deceased accidental causes	4	2
Deceased due to injury	1	1
Deceased illness or age	7	8
Deceased natural causes	3	1
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	4	0
Euthanised due to illness or age	20	4
Euthanised due to injury	28	6
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	20	0
Humanely euthanised by GAP - health and behavioural issues	0	0
Total deceased or euthanised	87	22