



# Media release

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## QRIC calls for vigilance after possible detection of new parvovirus strain

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) has received unconfirmed reports that cases of the new strain of Canine Parvovirus type 2c may have occurred in Queensland.

QRIC Veterinary Services and Animal Welfare Director Dr Martin Lenz says while these cases are still being determined racing industry participants should ensure the vaccination status of all greyhounds in their care is up to date.

“All currently available C3 and C5 vaccines provide a level of protection against the circulating strains of parvovirus, including this new strain,” Dr Lenz said.

“Racing industry participants should remain vigilant for the clinical signs associated with canine parvovirus that typically include a loss of appetite, vomiting and diarrhoea; especially in puppies and juvenile dogs.

“Owners should isolate any dogs exhibiting these symptoms and seek immediate veterinary attention.”

“Parvovirus is a serious disease in dogs which can result in death in some cases and spread quickly through the canine population.

Dr Lenz has reiterated that QRIC should be informed if any dog is exhibiting any signs of parvovirus immediately.

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