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If you have any information about the mistreatment of racing animals or wrongdoing within the three codes of racing, we urge you to come forward and report it.

When everyone competes on an even playing field, racing is fair and everyone can win.



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Queensland Racing Integrity Commission works in partnership with the industry to:

- Monitor racing activities
- Uphold the Rules of Racing
- Safeguard the welfare of racing animals

The Commission exists to contribute to the ongoing success of the racing industry in Queensland.

KENNEL COUGH PROTECT YOUR GREYHOUND

Our goal is a sustainable, fair and safe racing industry, where everyone can compete on a level playing field.

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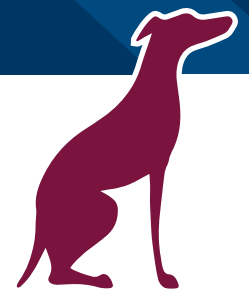


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KENNEL COUGH

PROTECT YOUR GREYHOUND

WHAT IS KENNEL COUGH?

Kennel Cough is a highly contagious disease in dogs, and is caused by a number of upper respiratory viruses (including canine parainfluenza) and bacteria (usually *Bordetella bronchiseptica*).

Kennel Cough is contagious and is spread as droplets in the air from one coughing dog to a healthy dog. When an infected dog coughs, the bacteria and viruses will usually die quickly in the air unless those droplets are inhaled by another dog in close proximity. Once a greyhound has inhaled the infection, it usually takes between five and seven days for symptoms to begin.

The symptoms of Kennel Cough include:

- Runny nose;
- Sneezing;
- Dry, hacking cough

HOW LONG DOES IT LAST?

Depending on the general health of your greyhound, the exact infectious agent(s) associated with the disease, and your greyhound's vaccination status, Kennel Cough can last from a few days to several weeks. It is important to note that even after the coughing has stopped and your greyhound appears well, they can remain infectious for up to three months.

CAN IT BE PREVENTED?

Annual vaccination against the *Bordetella bronchiseptica* bacteria and canine parainfluenza virus (part of the C5 vaccination) can prevent Kennel Cough outbreaks or at least help to reduce the incidence and/or severity of the disease in racing kennels.

Kennel Cough vaccinations can be obtained through your veterinarian in injectable, intranasal (nose) or oral forms.

The intra-nasal and oral vaccinations can be very effective in preventing the spread of Kennel Cough, as they usually act more rapidly than the injection.

This is because the intra-nasal and oral vaccines act on the mucous membrane lining of the nasal and oral passages, preventing the viruses and bacteria from gaining entry into the animal.

HOW CAN IT BE TREATED

At the first sign of Kennel Cough, the sick greyhound should be immediately isolated from all other dogs on your property and your veterinarian contacted.

Your veterinarian will provide you with information about treatment options, quarantine and vaccination options for that greyhound and any other dogs on your property.

The kennel area where your sick greyhound was being kept should be completely disinfected with hospital grade disinfectant.

KENNEL COUGH TIPS

Remember, the disease travels from dog to dog through droplets in the air, so the whole kennel facility should be disinfected and all bedding, drinking and feeding utensils, and lures washed in hot, soapy water.

- Scrubbing is important to breakdown the surface of the infection droplets and prevent spread.
- Any outdoor housing (e.g. undercover kennel areas in day yards etc.) should also be disinfected.
- In addition, ventilating your kennel building (opening doors at either end to allow fresh air in) will also help reduce disease spread.



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