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1. Overview

This is a report for the period April 2019 to June 2019. The data are derived from the *OzChase* database, on-track veterinarian reports and race-day stewards' reports. It is produced by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) to document the following throughout Queensland:

1. Greyhound pups whelped and named. These are from *OzChase* system data as reported by owners and recorded by the Commission.
2. Greyhound injuries and deaths of racing greyhounds that have occurred at TAB and non-TAB race meetings. The race-related injury data within this report are from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and *OzChase* data as recorded by the Commission.
3. Greyhound deaths and retirement notifications as reported by greyhound owners to the Commission and held in *OzChase*.

This report provides all stakeholders, including greyhound racing participants and the community with summary greyhound racing and breeding data via a single quarterly report.

2. Greyhound pups whelped and named from April 2019 to June 2019

During the period April 2019 to June 2019, there were 200 greyhounds pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 167 greyhounds named in Queensland (Table 2).

Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a time lag between whelping and naming.

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) during the period July 2018 to June 2019.

Month	Greyhounds Whelped
July 2018	70
August 2018	107
September 2018	76
Q1 Total	253
October 2018	77
November 2018	147
December 2018	89
Q2 Total	313
January 2019	116
February 2019	109
March 2019	164
Q3 Total	389
April 2019	79
May 2019	58
June 2019	63
Q4 Total	200
2018–19 FY Total	1,155

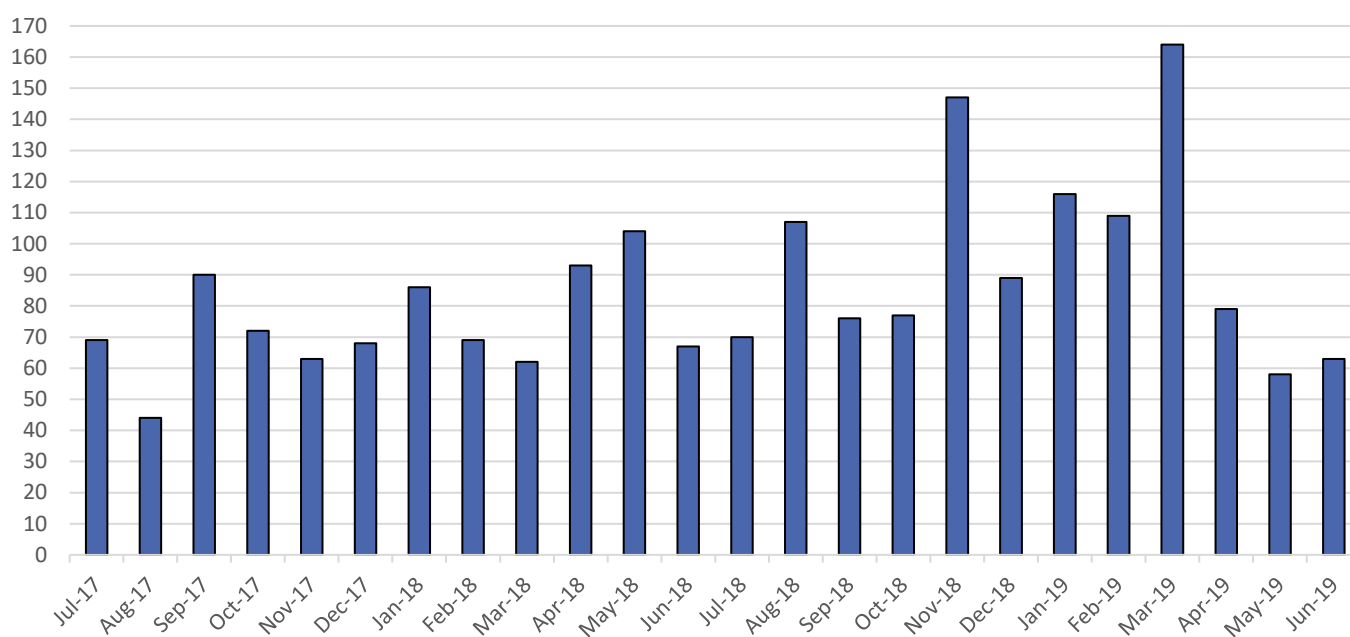


Figure 1. Greyhound pups whelped in Qld from July 2017 – June 2019

Table 2. Greyhounds named during the period July 2018 to June 2019.

Month	Greyhounds Named
July 2018	44
August 2018	38
September 2018	50
Q1 Total	132
October 2018	82
November 2018	62
December 2018	43
Q2 Total	187
January 2019	77
February 2019	64
March 2019	46
Q3 Total	187
April 2019	55
May 2019	52
June 2019	60
Q4 Total	167
2018–19 FY Total	673

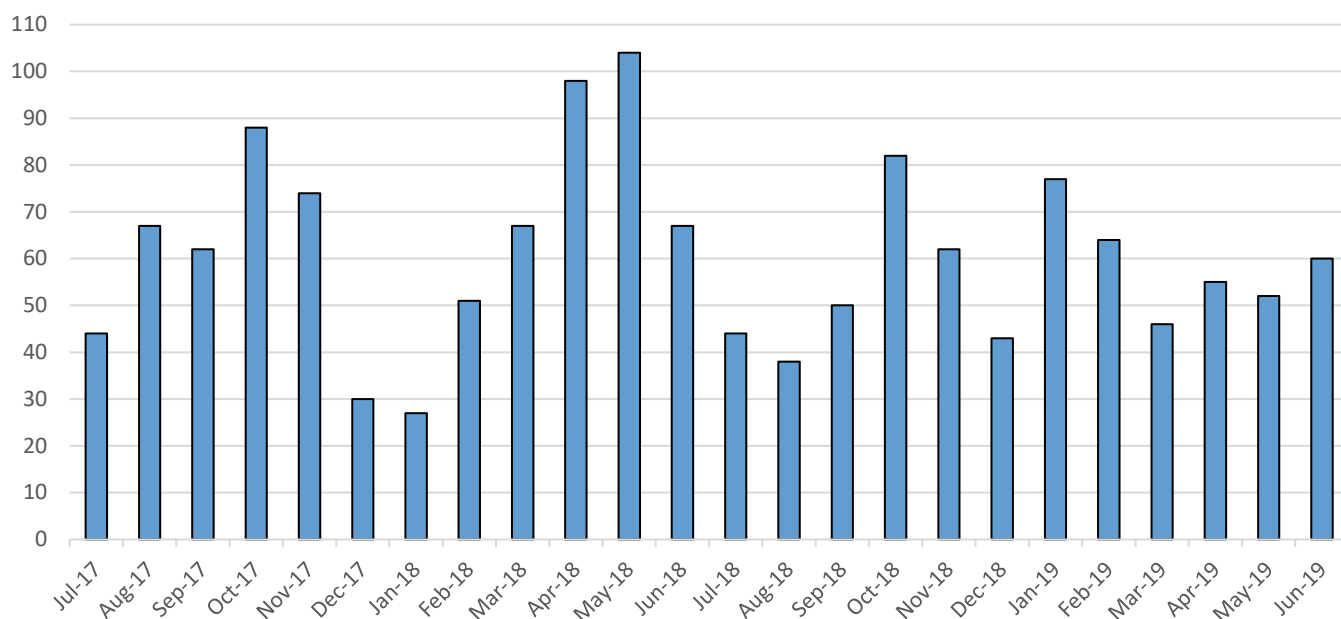


Figure 2. Greyhounds named in Qld from July 2017 – June 2019.

3. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from April 2019 to June 2019

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1,000 starts. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1,000 starts.

At these race meetings there were 1,850 individual greyhounds raced for a combined 11,017 starts.

Table 3. Greyhound racing injuries, incidents and severity at Queensland race meetings July 2018 to June 2019.

	July 2018 to September 2018 (Q1)		October 2018 to December 2018 (Q2)		January 2019 to March 2019 (Q3)		April 2019 to June 2019 (Q4)	
Injury Category	Total Number of Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 starts	Total Number of Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 starts	Total Number of Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 starts	Total Number of Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 starts
Minor	6	0.57	12	1.18	9	0.86	4	0.36
Minor	202	19.13	178	17.46	198	18.95	171	15.52
Medium	50	4.73	45	4.41	57	5.46	61	5.54
Major	46	4.36	56	5.49	49	4.69	62	5.63
Catastrophic – deceased or euthanased	11	1.04	18	1.77	18	1.72	20	1.82
Total	315	29.83	309	30.31	331	31.69	318	28.86

4. Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from April 2019 to June 2019

Deaths of greyhound, deaths as a result of injuries sustained during a race recorded and described in on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports. These data do not include euthanasia that may occur outside of or subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is obtained for an injury¹.

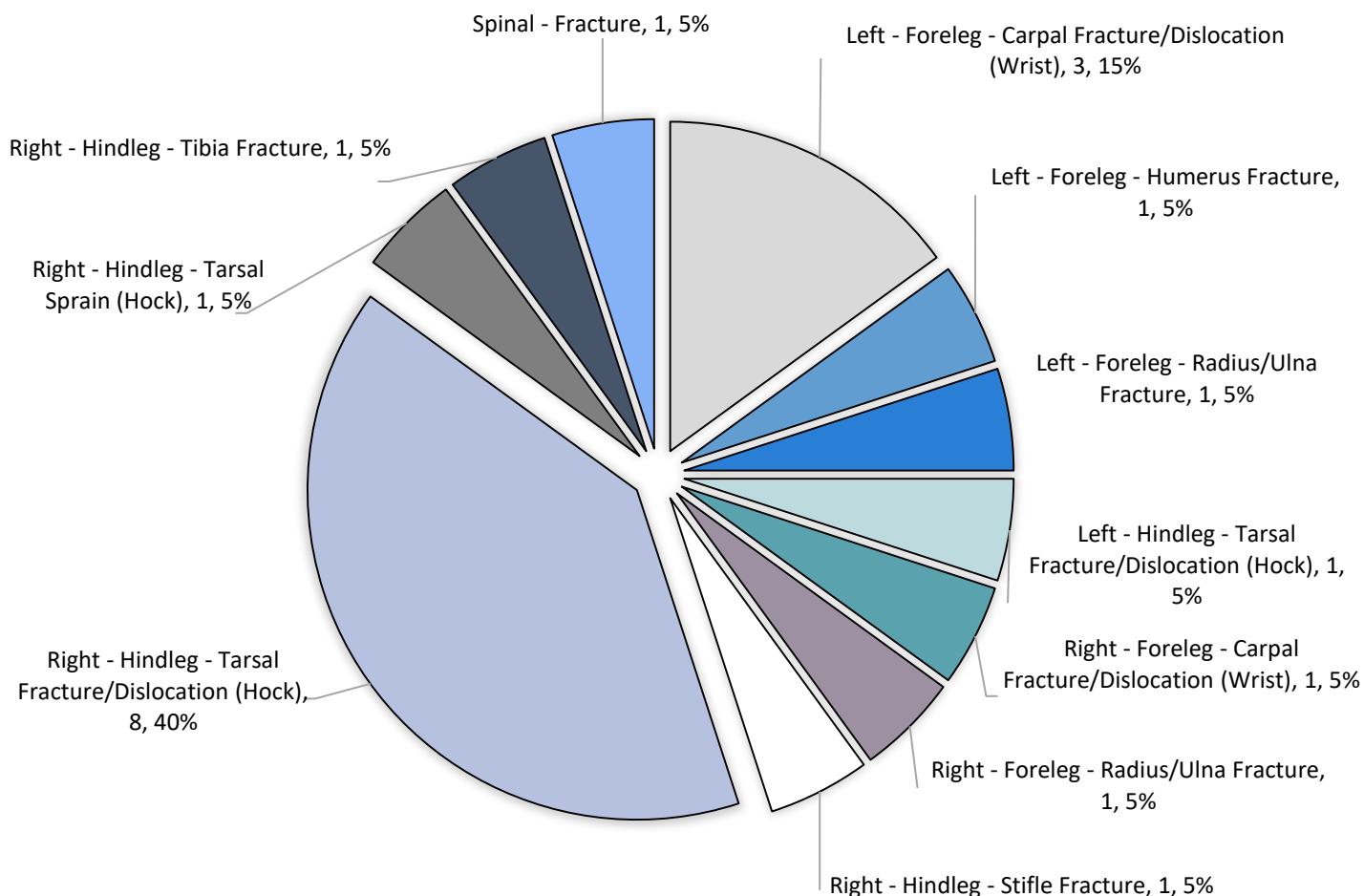


Figure 3. Greyhound injuries as a percentage reported at Queensland race meetings from April 2019 to June 2019.

¹These are captured through retirement reporting.

5. Reported injuries by race track

Table 4. Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Queensland tracks from April 2019 to June 2019.

Track	Track Surface	Starts	Total Injuries	Total Injuries per 1,000 starts	Deceased or euthanased	Deceased or euthanased per 1,000 starts
Albion Park	Sand	4394	123	27.99	6	1.37
Bundaberg	Grass	711	32	45.01	3	4.22
Capalaba	Grass	1156	33	28.55	1	0.87
Ipswich	Sand	2674	85	31.79	8	2.99
Rockhampton	Sand	918	21	22.88	0	0.00
Townsville	Sand	1164	24	20.62	2	1.72
		11,017	318	28.86	20	1.82

Table 5. Total injuries per 1,000 starts at all Queensland tracks by venue and quarterly reporting periods July 2018 to June 2019. **Cairns track closed.

Venue	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019
Albion Park	29.20	28.90	30.30	27.99
Bundaberg	35.82	57.88	36.18	45.01
Cairns**	42.65	44.44	n/a	n/a
Capalaba	20.62	23.34	28.05	28.55
Ipswich	34.39	27.74	33.39	31.79
Rockhampton	28.75	26.21	32.14	22.88
Townsville	19.67	34.72	33.73	20.62
Total per 1,000 starts	29.83	30.31	31.69	28.86

Table 6. Total catastrophic injuries (deceased or euthanased) per 1,000 starts at all Queensland tracks by venue and quarterly reporting periods July 2018 to June 2019. **Cairns track closed.

Venue	Jul-Sep 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019
Albion Park	0.91	1.20	2.69	1.37
Bundaberg	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.22
Cairns**	0.00	0.00	n/a	n/a
Capalaba	0.00	1.17	0.00	0.87
Ipswich	1.21	2.11	1.35	2.99
Rockhampton	0.00	3.93	1.24	0.00
Townsville	3.28	3.47	2.41	1.72
Total per 1,000 starts	1.04	1.77	1.72	1.82

6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased or euthanased April 2019 to June 2019

The retirement, rehoming, death or euthanasia of individual greyhounds are recorded in the *OzChase* database. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia as specified by Greyhounds Australasia Rule 106(3).

Caveats

- Reports of retirements from *OzChase* may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgement of retirement notifications.
- The data presented in Table 7 and Table 8 are accurate as at 21 February 2020.
- Data from the Commission's Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) are included; however, euthanasia data from other adoption programs and agencies are not available.
- Data for greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than the GAP are currently not available unless provided by owners in the retirement notification.
- The category of "surrendered to other agency" does not refer specifically to adoption or rehoming agencies and includes universities and veterinary practices. Euthanasia and adoption data from these agencies are not currently available.
- The category of "euthanased/deceased - on-track injury (inclusive of on-track reports)" may differ from the number of catastrophic race-related injuries recorded in on-track veterinarian reports and race-day stewards' reports. This is because the data are self-reported by participants through submission of a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia.

Table 7. Greyhound mortality notifications July 2018 to June 2019 as reported to the Commission by owners and current as at 21 February 2020.

Category	July-Sept 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019	Total
Deceased - accidental causes	4	5	5	5	19
Deceased - illness or age	1	9	37	7	54
Deceased - natural causes	2	30	16	11	59
Euthanased by owner - illness or age	12	23	9	17	61
Euthanased by owner - injury	24	30	37	40	131
Euthanased by owner - not suitable for racing	7	14	6	0	27
Euthanased by owner - not suitable for rehome	10	12	12	13	47
Euthanased by GAP - health or behavioural issues	12	5	5	8	30
Euthanased/deceased - on-track injury (inclusive of on-track reports)	11	18	18	20	67
Total deceased or euthanased	83	146	145	121	495

Table 8. Greyhound retirement notifications from July 2018 to June 2019 as reported to the Commission by owners and current as at 21 February 2020.

Category	July-Sept 2018	Oct-Dec 2018	Jan-Mar 2019	Apr-Jun 2019	Total
Retired for breeding	20	15	23	22	80
Retired to owner	38	37	37	28	140
Retired to trainer	6	8	5	1	20
Retired as a pet – 3 rd party	27	18	20	23	88
Retired to GAP	53	112	40	34	239
Retired to other adoption program	17	22	17	11	67
Surrendered to other agency	54	68	42	46	210
Other (no description)	0	1	0	0	1
Total retired	215	281	184	165	845