

# Greyhound Breeding, Race Injury and Retirement

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## 1. Overview

This is a report for the period July 2020 to September 2020. 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 born (whelped) and named from July 2020 to September 2020

During the period July 2020 to September 2020, there were 294 greyhound pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 365 greyhounds named (Table 2) in Queensland. Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

The data are accurate as at 15 January 2021.

**Table 1.** Greyhound pups born (whelped) during the period July 2020 to September 2020.

Month	Greyhounds Whelped
July 2020	103
August 2020	114
September 2020	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>294</b>

**Table 2.** Greyhounds named during the period July 2020 to September 2020

Month	Greyhounds Named
July 2020	53
August 2020	179
September 2020	133
<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>365</b>

### 3. Injury Categories

#### 3.1. Injury Severity Classification

Greyhounds injured or involved in incidents at Queensland race meetings are examined by on-track veterinarians. These incidents and actions are reported to the Commission and included in the stewards' reports for each race meeting.

Injuries vary from very minor incidents with no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period required to severe injuries that result in the death or require euthanasia of a greyhound. Mandatory stand down periods allow for injury recovery before a greyhound is permitted to race again.

#### 4. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from July 2020 to September 2020

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.

During the period July 2020 to September 2020, there were 161 greyhound race meetings held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings, there were 1,850 individual greyhounds raced for a total of 12,405 starts.

**Table 3.** Total greyhound racing injuries, incidents, and severity at Queensland race meetings from July 2020 to September 2020

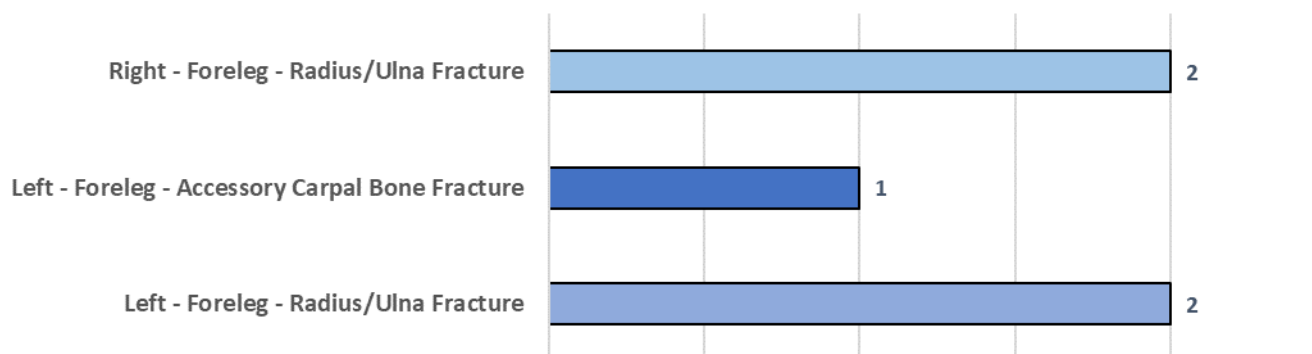
Injury Category <sup>1</sup>	Incapacitation Period <sup>2</sup>	Total Number of Injury Incidents	Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starts
Category A (G) – non-serious	Nil	5	0.40
Category B (G) – non-serious	3 to 10 days	233	18.78
Category C (G) – non-serious	14 to 21 days	79	6.37
Category D (G) – non-serious	28 to 90 days	54	4.35
Category D (F) - serious	28 to 90 days	11	0.89
Category E (F) - serious	Deceased or Euthanased	5	0.40
<b>Total A-E</b>		<b>387</b>	<b>31.20</b>

<sup>1</sup> Further description of rating categories is contained in the 2020-2021 Executive Summary.

<sup>2</sup> Further description of rating categories is contained in the 2020-2021 Executive Summary.

#### 4.1. Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from July 2020 to September 2020

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur as a result of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race. These include injuries that resulted in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that may occur subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought<sup>3</sup>.



**Figure 1.** Greyhound fatalities reported at Queensland racetracks from July 2020 to September 2020. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

#### 5. Reported injuries by racetrack

**Table 4.** Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Queensland tracks from July 2020 to September 2020.

Track	Track Surface	Starts	Total Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starts	Deceased or euthanased	Deceased or euthanased per 1,000 Starts
Albion Park	Sand	4220	135	31.99	2	0.47
Bundaberg	Grass	992	49	49.40	1	1.01
Capalaba	Grass	1201	37	30.81	1	0.83
Ipswich	Sand	3025	85	28.10	1	0.33
Rockhampton	Sand	892	23	25.78	0	0.00
Townsville	Sand	2075	58	27.95	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>12405</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>31.20</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.40</b>

#### 6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanased during July 2020 to September 2020

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed or euthanased are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to the Commission. 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 Tables 5 and 6 were accurate as at 15 January 2021.
- 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 greyhound's 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.

<sup>3</sup>These are captured through retirement reporting.

**Table 5.** Greyhound mortality notifications from July 2020 to September 2020 (excluding data contained in Table 4) as reported to the Commission by owners and current as at 15 January 2021.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Deceased accidental causes	3
Deceased illness or age	2
Deceased natural causes	7
Euthanased by owner due to illness or age	16
Euthanased by owner due to injury	23
Euthanased by owner due to not suitable for racing	1
Euthanased by owner due to not suitable for rehome	18
Euthanased by GAP due to health and/or behavioural issues	2
<b>Total deceased or euthanased</b>	<b>72</b>

**Table 6.** Greyhound retirement notifications from July 2020 to September 2020 as reported to the Commission by owners and current as at 15 January 2021.

<b>Category</b>	<b>Number</b>
Retired for breeding	20
Retired to owner	32
Retired to trainer	6
Retired as a pet to a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	54
Retired to GAP	76
Retired to other adoption program	31
Surrendered to other agency	35
<b>Total retired</b>	<b>254</b>