

# Greyhound Breeding, Race Injury and Retirement

Quarterly Report (Q3)

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## 1. Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from January to March 2022 (Q3). The data in this report are derived from the *OzChase* system, and on-track veterinarian and race-day Stewards' reports. It is produced by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (the Commission) to document the following:

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

Reports of whelped, named, and retired greyhounds may vary over time for the same data set 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 and registration.

## 2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named from January 2022 to March 2022

During the period January to March 2022, there were 422 live greyhound pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 270 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.

**Table 1.** Greyhound pups born (whelped) during the period January to March 2022 as at the 26th of May 2022 and compared with the previous quarters.

Month	Greyhounds whelped
July 2021	60
August 2021	100
September 2021	117
<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>277</b>
October 2021	79
November 2021	141
December 2021	230
<b>Q2 Total</b>	<b>450</b>
January 2022	133
February 2022	118
Mach 2022	171
<b>Q3 Total</b>	<b>422</b>

**Table 2.** Greyhounds named during the period January to March 2022, as at the 26th of May 2022, and compared with the previous quarters.

Month	Greyhounds named
July 2021	118
August 2021	96
September 2021	89
<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>303</b>
October 2021	89
November 2021	111
December 2021	99
<b>Q2 Total</b>	<b>299</b>
January 2022	80
February 2022	85
March 2022	105
<b>Q3 Total</b>	<b>270</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 January 2022 to March 2022

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1000 starters. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1000 starters. During the period January to March 2022, there were 144 greyhound race meetings held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings, there were 2,125 unique individual greyhounds raced for a total of 11,859 starters.

**Table 3.** Total greyhound racing injuries, incidents, and severity at Queensland race meetings from January to March 2022.

Injury category	Incapacitation period	Number of incidents	Incidents per 1000 starts
AG	Nil	9	0.76
BG	3 to 10 days	248	20.91
CG	14 to 21 days	56	4.72
DG	28 to 59 days	42	3.54
DF	60+ days	22	1.86
EF	Deceased or euthanased <sup>1</sup>	6	0.51
<b>Total A-E</b>		<b>383</b>	<b>32.3</b>
<b>Total F (Serious)</b>		<b>28</b>	<b>2.36</b>
<b>Total G (Non-serious)</b>		<b>355</b>	<b>29.95</b>

<sup>1</sup> The number of fatalities in Table 3 is sourced from Official On-Track Veterinarian's reporting. It may differ from the self-reported number of euthanasia and deceased greyhounds presented in Table 5.

**Table 4.** Greyhound euthanased or deceased at Queensland race meetings from January to March 2022. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

Injury	Count
Left - Foreleg - Radius/Ulna Fracture	4
Right - Foreleg - Radius/Ulna Fracture	1
Left - Hindleg - Tarsal Fracture/Dislocation (Hock)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>

## 5. Reported injuries by racetrack

**Table 5.** Number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings<sup>3</sup> from January to March 2022.

Venue	Track surface	Starters	Total number of injury incidents	Total injury incidents per 1000 starts	Total number of deceased or euthanased	Deceased or euthanased per 1000 starts
Albion Park	Sand	2,666	76	28.51	1	0.38
Bundaberg	Grass	815	54	66.26	1	1.23
Capalaba	Grass	953	25	26.23	0	0.00
Ipswich	Sand	4,202	152	36.17	4	0.95
Rockhampton	Sand	1,325	30	22.64	0	0.00
Townsville	Sand	1,898	46	24.24	0	0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>11,859</b>	<b>383</b>	<b>32.30</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0.51</b>

## 6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanased during January 2022 to March 2022

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. To standardise these, they are taken from OzChase records at the midpoint of each following month.
- 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 to dedicated adoption or rehoming agencies and includes universities and veterinary practices. Euthanasia and adoption data from these agencies are not currently available.

**Table 6.** Greyhound mortality notifications from January to March 2022, including data contained in Table 5, as reported to the Commission by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to the Commission by participants. Reports for Quarter 3 were sourced from OzChase on 26 May 2022.

Category	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Total
Deceased accidental causes	1	0	3	0	2	5	0	0	10	21
Deceased illness or age	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	2	3	11
Deceased natural causes	0	1	1	0	2	2	5	4	10	25
Euthanased at track due to injury	1	3	2	0	4	2	0	1	5	18
Euthanased due to illness or age	1	5	3	10	3	3	7	6	4	42
Euthanased due to injury	8	7	7	7	10	8	10	10	14	81
Euthanased due to not suitable for racing	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Euthanased due to not suitable for rehome	6	5	4	5	7	4	3	10	3	47
Euthanased by GAP due to health and/or behavioural issues	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	4
<b>Total deceased or euthanased</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>249</b>

**Table 7.** Greyhound retirement notifications from July 2021 to March 2022 as reported to the Commission by owners. Reports for Q3 are as at 26 May 2022.

Category	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sep 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Total
Retired for breeding	4	3	2	11	5	4	3	2	2	36
Retired to owner	8	14	18	13	12	36	21	34	36	192
Retired to trainer	2	3	0	4	3	3	2	3	18	38
Retired as a pet to a 3rd party	12	13	14	19	13	3	9	17	10	110
Retired to GAP	24	21	15	16	29	3	21	25	16	170
Retired to other adoption programs	15	28	21	17	19	15	26	22	31	194
Surrendered to other agency	18	21	24	19	18	19	7	12	8	146
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
<b>Total retired</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>887</b>

### The Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP)

The GAP is part of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission and is dedicated to finding suitable homes for retired greyhounds. The GAP team works with the racing industry to guide participants in preparing their racing greyhounds for retirement. Every greyhound in the program is health checked and behaviourally assessed, de-sexed, wormed and vaccinated. The program aims to help transition greyhounds from racing to pet life.

If you, or anyone you know, has space in their life for a retired racer, visit [www.gapqld.com.au](http://www.gapqld.com.au) to find out how you can foster or adopt one of these beautiful animals.

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