



QRIC

**Greyhound breeding, race
injury and retirement
report**

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1. Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from April to June 2024 (Q4 2023-2024). The data in this report is derived from the *OzChase* system, and on-track veterinarian and race-day Stewards' reports. It is produced by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) to document the following:

1. Greyhound pups whelped and named in Queensland, as reported by owners, and recorded by QRIC.
2. Greyhound injuries and deaths of racing greyhounds that have occurred at Queensland race meetings. The race-related injury data are sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and *OzChase* system reports. Race-related injury data does not include injuries that occurred in trials.
3. Greyhound deaths and retirement notifications as reported by Queensland licensees to QRIC and held in *OzChase*.

Reports of whelped, named, and retired greyhounds may vary over time for the same reporting period 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 parameters.

2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) during the period July 2023 to June 2024.

Month	Greyhounds whelped
July 2023	66
August 2023	54
September 2023	92
Q1 Total	212
October 2023	174
November 2023	73
December 2023	62
Q2 Total	309
January 2024	51
February 2024	89
March 2024	117
Q3 Total	257
April 2024	116
May 2024	135
June 2024	32
Q4 Total	283
2023-2024 Total	1061

Table 2. Greyhounds named during the period July 2023 to June 2024. Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Month	Greyhounds named
July 2023	108
August 2023	130
September 2023	136
Q1 Total	374
October 2023	91
November 2023	90
December 2023	93
Q2 Total	274
January 2024	79
February 2024	68
March 2024	80
Q3 Total	227
April 2024	92
May 2024	85
June 2024	87
Q4 Total	264
YTD Total	1139

3. Injury Categories (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 QRIC 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.

Race-related injury data does not include injuries that occurred in trials.

Injuries are recorded as per on-track veterinarian and race-day Stewards' reports, stored in the OzChase system.

4. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds for Q4 2023-2024

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. As the rate of injury is expressed per 1000 starters, injuries sustained by non-starters (e.g. injuries sustained during trialling or prior to boxing) are not included.

During the period, there were 169 greyhound race meetings held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings, 2,527 unique greyhounds started.

Table 3. Total greyhound racing injuries and severity at Queensland race meetings for Q4 2023-2024 (April to June 2024). Number of starters = 14,648.

Injury category	Incapacitation period (stand down)	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1000 Starters
Category AG	Nil	22	1.50
Category BG	3 to 10 days	373	25.46
Category CG	14 to 21 days	70	4.78
Category DG	28 to 59 days	2	0.14
Category DF	60+ days	45	3.07
Category EF	Deceased or Euthanised	6	0.41
Total A-E		518	35.36
Total F (Serious)		51	3.48
Total G (Non-serious)		467	31.88

4.1 Reported on track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q4 2023-2024

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because 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 after race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought¹.

Table 4. Greyhounds euthanised or deceased at Queensland race meetings for Q4 2023-2024 (April to June 2024). Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports².

Injury	Count
Left foreleg fracture (radius/ulna)	4
Right foreleg fracture (radius/ulna)	1
Right hindleg fracture (tarsal dislocation/hock)	1
Total	6

5. Reported injuries by track

Table 5. Number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings from April to June 2024.

Venue	Surface	Starters	Total number of injury incidents	Total injury incidents per 1000 starters	Total deceased or euthanised on track	Deceased or euthanised on track per 1000 starters
Albion Park	Sand	4943	171	34.59	2	0.40
Bundaberg	Grass	987	76	77.00	0	0.00
Capalaba	Grass	1805	52	28.81	1	0.55
Ipswich	Sand	3728	135	36.21	2	0.54
Rockhampton	Sand	1108	43	38.81	1	0.90
Townsville	Sand	2077	41	19.74	0	0.00
Totals		14,648	518	35.36	6	0.41

6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during Q4 2023-2024

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to QRIC. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death, or euthanasia.

¹ These are captured through deceased/retirement reporting.

² Decisions regarding euthanasia are made based on the diagnosis and opinion of the on-track vet at the time of the incident.

Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications as reported to QRIC by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to QRIC by participants. Reports were sourced from OzChase on 10 July 2024.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Deceased accidental causes	13	14	19	6	52
Deceased due to injury	1	3	1	2	7
Deceased illness or age	7	13	12	12	44
Deceased natural causes	4	0	10	10	24
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	4	2	3	6	15
Euthanised due to illness or age	25	23	32	44	124
Euthanised due to injury	23	43	37	46	149
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0	4	1	5
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	36	43	58	68	205
Euthanised by GAP - health issues	3	1	1	8	13
Total deceased or euthanised	116	142	177	203	638

Table 7. Greyhound retirement notifications as reported to QRIC by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to QRIC by participants, or by the Greyhound Adoption Program on intake. Reports were sourced from OzChase on 10 July 2024.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total
Retired for breeding	7	7	4	1	19
Retired to owner ³	63	126	132	78	399
Retired to trainer ⁴	6	19	24	15	64
Retired as a pet to a 3 rd party	47	51	51	48	197
Retired to GAP	130	179	79	33	421
Retired to other adoption programs	23	21	19	19	82
Surrendered to other agency	44	17	23	24	108
Exported	0	1*	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0
Total retired	320	420	332	218	1290

*Greyhounds Australasia issued a passport to export following QRIC due diligence and scrutiny of applicant.

Caveats

- Reports of retirements from OzChase: all data included in the report, from OzChase data is collated from a point in time reading taken (at the midpoint of each following month).
- QRIC liaises with the RSPCA and adoption programs other than the GAP. Data on greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than the GAP is not included in the QRIC's report, but may be provided on request from these programs.
- The category of "surrendered to other agency" includes universities and veterinary practices. Under the Local Rules of Racing 11A, 11B and 11C regarding the euthanasia, rehoming and abandonment of greyhounds, these agencies must gain approval to claim retired greyhounds by demonstrating that their primary objective is rehoming greyhounds.

^{3,4} Greyhounds retired to owner or trainer have increased due to uptake of the Racing Qld Greyhound Retirement Readiness Scheme which requires greyhounds to be retired for reimbursement of desexing, dental and vaccination costs. Individual greyhounds retired to owner/trainer may then be retired to a 3rd party or adoption agency.