



**QRIC**

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

**Q1 2024-25**



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## 1. Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from July to September 2024 (Q1 2024-2025). 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 injury and registration parameters.

## 2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named

**Table 1.** Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named during the period July 2024 to September 2024. Greyhounds are generally named for racing at between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Greyhounds whelped	
July 2024	39
August 2024	83
September 2024	68
<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>190</b>
Greyhounds named	
July 2024	132
August 2024	103
September 2024	68
<b>Q1 Total</b>	<b>303</b>

## 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 Q1 2024-2025

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 171 greyhound race meetings held at Queensland venues. At these race

meetings, 2601 unique greyhounds started.

**Table 2.** Total greyhound racing injuries and severity at Queensland race meetings in Q1 2024-2025. Number of starters = 15008.

Injury category	Incapacitation period (stand down)	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1000 Starters
Category AG	Nil	13	0.86
Category BG	3 to 10 days	255	16.99
Category CG	14 to 21 days	111	7.39
Category DG	28 to 59 days	40	2.66
Category DF	60+ days	41	2.73
Category EF	Deceased or Euthanised	3	0.19
<b>Total A-E</b>		<b>463</b>	<b>30.85</b>
<b>Total F (Serious)</b>		<b>44</b>	<b>2.93</b>
<b>Total G (Non-serious)</b>		<b>419</b>	<b>27.91</b>

#### 4.1 Reported on track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q1 2024-2025

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 sought<sup>1</sup>.

**Table 3.** Greyhounds euthanised or deceased at Queensland race meetings in Q1 2024-2025. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports<sup>2</sup>.

Injury	Count
Left foreleg fracture (radius/ulna)	1
Right foreleg fracture (radius/ulna)	1
Left hindleg fracture (hock)	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>

#### 5. Reported injuries by track

**Table 4.** Number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings in Q1 2024-2025.

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	4454	148	33.23	2	0.45
Bundaberg	Grass	527	42	79.70	1	1.90
Capalaba	Grass	1720	44	25.58	0	0.00
Ipswich	Sand	4563	141	30.90	0	0.00
Rockhampton	Sand	1402	42	29.96	0	0.00
Townsville	Sand	2342	46	19.64	0	0.00
<b>Totals</b>		<b>15008</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>30.85</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0.20</b>

#### 6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during Q1 2024-2025

<sup>1</sup> These are captured through deceased/retirement reporting.

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

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.

**Table 5.** 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 21 October 2024.

Category	
Deceased accidental causes	17
Deceased due to injury	1
Deceased illness or age	9
Deceased natural causes	5
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	4
Euthanised due to illness or age	25
Euthanised due to injury	44
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	1
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	73
Euthanised by GAP - health issues	4
<b>Total deceased or euthanised</b>	<b>183</b>

**Table 6.** 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 21 October 2024.

Category	
Retired for breeding	3
Retired to owner <sup>3</sup>	71
Retired to trainer <sup>4</sup>	11
Retired as a pet to a 3 <sup>rd</sup> party	64
Retired to GAP	51
Retired to other adoption programs	41
Surrendered to other agency	20
Exported	0
Other	3
<b>Total retired</b>	<b>264</b>

#### 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.

<sup>3, 4</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> party or adoption agency.