



QRIC Greyhound
breeding, race injury
and retirement report
Q2 2024-25



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1. Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from October to December 2024 (Q2 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 and owners 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 October 2024 to December 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 |
| Q1 Total | 190 |
| October 2024 | 88 |
| November 2024 | 88 |
| December 2024 | 105 |
| Q2 Total | 281 |
| Greyhounds named | |
| July 2024 | 132 |
| August 2024 | 103 |
| September 2024 | 68 |
| Q1 Total | 303 |
| October 2024 | 76 |
| November 2024 | 90 |
| December 2024 | 49 |
| Q2 Total | 215 |

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 for severe injuries that may result in the subsequent 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 Q2 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 under review, there were 162 greyhound race meetings, with 1859 races, held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings, 2511 unique greyhounds started in a race.

Table 2. Total greyhound racing injuries and severity at Queensland race meetings in Q2 2024-2025. Number of starters = 14203

| Injury category | Incapacitation period (stand down) | Number of Incidents | Incidents per 1000 Starters |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Category AG | Nil | 21 | 1.48 |
| Category BG | 3 to 10 days | 220 | 15.49 |
| Category CG | 14 to 21 days | 109 | 7.67 |
| Category DG | 28 to 59 days | 29 | 2.04 |
| Category DF | 60+ days | 50 | 3.52 |
| Category EF | Deceased or Euthanised | 8 | 0.56 |
| Total A-E | | 438 | 30.77 |
| Total F (Serious) | | 58 | 4.08 |
| Total G (Non-serious) | | 379 | 26.68 |

4.1 Reported on-track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q2 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 sought¹.

Table 3. Greyhounds euthanised or deceased at Queensland race meetings in Q2 2024-2025. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports².

| Injury | Count |
|---|----------------------|
| Spinal injury | 2 |
| Right foreleg radius/ulna fracture | 1 |
| Right foreleg carpal fracture/dislocation (wrist) | 1 |
| Left foreleg fracture (radius/ulna) | 1 |
| Right hindleg tarsal fracture/dislocation (hock) | 3 |
| Total | 8³ |

5. Reported injuries by track

Table 4. Number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings in Q2 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 | 4498 | 139 | 30.90 | 1 | 0.22 |
| Capalaba | Grass | 1582 | 62 | 39.19 | 1 | 0.63 |
| Ipswich | Sand | 4486 | 144 | 32.10 | 2 | 0.45 |
| Rockhampton | Sand | 1474 | 56 | 37.99 | 3 | 2.04 |
| Townsville | Sand | 2163 | 37 | 17.11 | 1 | 0.46 |
| Totals | | 14203 | 438 | 30.84 | 8 | 0.56 |

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.

³ Total on-track deaths have increased compared to the previous quarter. The increase will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group.

6. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during Q2 2024-2025

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the *OzChase* system. 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. Neonatal deaths and unnamed greyhounds are included. Reports were sourced from *OzChase* on 13 January 2025.

| Category | Q1 | Q2 |
|--|------------|------------|
| Deceased accidental causes | 17 | 13 |
| Deceased due to injury | 1 | 0 |
| Deceased illness or age | 9 | 15 |
| Deceased natural causes | 5 | 4 |
| Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury | 4 | 8 |
| Euthanised due to illness or age | 25 | 22 |
| Euthanised due to injury | 44 | 37 |
| Euthanised due to behaviourally tested and assessed as not suitable for racing | 1 | 1 |
| Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming | 73 | 17 |
| Euthanised by GAP - health issues | 4 | 2 |
| Total deceased or euthanised | 183 | 119 |

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.

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain registered. Reports were sourced from *OzChase* on 13 January 2025.

| Category | Q1 | Q2 |
|---|------------|------------|
| Retired for breeding* | 3 | 1 |
| Retired to owner ⁴ | 71 | 125 |
| Retired to trainer ⁵ | 11 | 18 |
| Retired as a pet to a 3 rd party | 64 | 58 |
| Retired to GAP | 51 | 54 |
| Retired to other adoption programs | 41 | 37 |
| Surrendered to other agency ⁶ | 20 | 0 |
| Exported | 0 | 0 |
| Other | 3 | 0 |
| Total retired | 264 | 293 |

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 QRIC's Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) are included; however, intake, 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.

⁴ The number of greyhounds retired to owners or trainers may 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 owners/trainers may then be retired to a 3rd party or adoption agency.

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Key comments

- The total number of greyhounds euthanised or deceased continues to drop from the previous quarter and last financial year.
- ⁶New euthanasia, rehoming and abandonment rules stipulate that “other agencies” must have the primary purpose of rehoming. There has also been a reduction in the number of greyhounds surrendered to other agencies.
- There has been a small increase in the total number of serious on track injuries. This increase will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group. However, there has been an overall decrease in on-track injuries with non-serious injuries decreasing compared to last quarter and the previous financial year.
- The number of greyhounds euthanised due to injury on track has increased compared to the same period last financial year. This increase will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group.
- Total on track deaths have also increased compared to the previous quarter. This increase will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group.

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain with licensees and registered with the Commission.