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1. Overview

This is a report for the quarterly period from January to March 2025 (Q3 2024-25). 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 death 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. For this report, records were accessed on 10 April 2025.

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 January to March 2025. 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
January 2025	73
February 2025	40
March 2025	93
Q3 Total	206

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
January 2025	127
February 2025	70
March 2025	53
Q3 Total	250

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 injuries requiring no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period required, to deaths or severe injuries requiring euthanasia. 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 Q3 2024-25

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1000 starters. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period. 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 141 greyhound race meetings, with 1588 races, held at Queensland venues. At these race meetings, 2345 unique greyhounds started in a race.

Table 2. Total greyhound racing injuries and severity at Queensland race meetings in Q3 2024-25. Number of starters =11988.

Injury category	Incapacitation period (stand down)	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1000 Starters
Category AG	Nil	15	1.25
Category BG	3 to 10 days	249	20.77
Category CG	14 to 21 days	83	6.92
Category DG	28 to 59 days	17	1.42
Category DF	60+ days	52	4.34
Category EF	Deceased or Euthanised	9	0.75
Total A-E		425	35.45
Total F (Serious)		61	5.09
Total G (Non-serious)		364	30.36

4.1 Reported on-track greyhound racing-related deaths for Q3 2024-25

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race. These include sudden/unexpected deaths and injuries that result 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 Q3 2024-25. Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports².

Injury	Count
Spinal injury	1
Right foreleg radius/ulna fracture	3
Left foreleg fracture (radius/ulna)	5
Total	9

5. Reported injuries by track

Table 4. Number of greyhound race starters and all injuries at Queensland race meetings in Q3 2024-25.

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	3864	130	33.64	3	0.78
Capalaba	Grass	1132	33	29.15	0	0.00
Ipswich	Sand	4082	147	36.01	6	1.47
Rockhampton	Sand	1628	66	40.54	0	0.00
Townsville	Sand	1282	49	38.22	0	0.00
Totals		11,988	425	35.45	9	0.75

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.

Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during Q3 2024-25

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 10 April 2025.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3
Deceased accidental causes	17	13	15
Deceased due to injury	1	0	1
Deceased illness or age	9	15	6
Deceased natural causes	5	4	3
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	4	8	9
Euthanised due to illness or age	25	22	24
Euthanised due to injury	44	37	53
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	1	1	1
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	73	17	24
Euthanised by GAP - health issues	4	2	0
Total deceased or euthanised	183	119	136

Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications by status for Quarter 3 as reported to QRIC by owners.³

Category	Named	Unnamed
Deceased accidental causes	12	3
Deceased due to injury	1	0
Deceased illness or age	6	0
Deceased natural causes	2	1
Euthanised/deceased at track due to injury	9	0
Euthanised due to illness or age	17	7
Euthanised due to injury	42	11
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	1
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	23	1
Humanely euthanised by GAP - health and behavioural issues	0	0
Total deceased or euthanised	112	24

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.

*Greyhounds retired for breeding remain registered. Reports were sourced from *OzChase* on 10 April 2025.

Category	Q1	Q2	Q3
Retired for breeding*	3	1	2
Retired to owner ⁴	71	125	147
Retired to trainer ⁴	11	18	18
Retired as a pet to a 3 rd party	64	58	69
Retired to GAP	51	54	61
Retired to other adoption programs	41	37	45
Surrendered to other agency ⁵	20	0	0
Exported	0	0	0
Other	3	0	0
Total retired	264	293	342

³ Table on greyhound mortality notifications by status for Quarter 3 as reported to QRIC by owners is a new addition to this quarter's report.

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.

⁵ New euthanasia, rehoming and abandonment rules stipulate that "other agencies" must have the primary purpose of rehoming.

Table 8. Greyhound retirement notifications by status for Quarter 3 as reported to QRIC by owners.⁶

Category	Named	Unnamed
Retired for breeding*	2	0
Retired to owner ⁷	139	8
Retired to trainer ⁷	18	0
Retired as a pet to a 3 rd party	66	3
Retired to GAP	58	3
Retired to other adoption programs	45	0
Surrendered to other agency ⁸	0	0
Exported	0	0
Other	0	0
Total retired	328	14

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.

Key comments

- There has been a decrease in the number of on track injuries sustained when compared to the previous quarter and, a decrease in both serious and non-serious injuries when compared to the same period in the previous financial year.
- There has also been a reduction in the number of greyhounds surrendered to other agencies.⁸New euthanasia, rehoming and abandonment rules stipulate that "other agencies" must have the primary purpose of rehoming.
- There has been a small increase in the total number of greyhounds euthanised and deceased when compared to last quarter. This increase will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group.
- There has been an increase in the number of serious injuries and euthanasias on track when compared to the previous quarter. However, euthanasias have decreased compared to the same period in the previous financial year. These increases will be interrogated by the Race Injury Working Group. NB: The number of race meetings across this quarter are less than previous quarters noting adverse weather events (Tropical Low in North Queensland, and Cyclone Alfred in South East Queensland).

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

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