



20 December 2017

Media Release

Interim process for the continuation of genuine greyhound exports to the USA approved

At its meeting in November 2017, the Greyhounds Australasia (GA) Board approved a stringent application, approval and follow-up interim process for lifting the temporary suspension of greyhound exports to the United States.

This interim process will apply during the current review of the application of the GA Passport Scheme and related national and local greyhound racing rules.

In addition to the requirements for a greyhound passport and pedigree that currently apply under national rule GAR 124, potential exports will also be subject to:

- Veterinary check and confirmation with photo identification,
- A follow-up with American authorities once the dog has been living in the USA for at least two months,
- Verifiable contact information about the new owner, and consent from the new owner to being contacted by authorities, and
- A signed declaration from the new owner that they are not intending to export the dog out of America.

Greyhounds Australasia is supportive of the efforts undertaken by state-based bodies to regulate exports, and maintains its position that exports to the United States undertaken for genuine reasons only, should be regulated by the Federal Government.

GA CEO Scott Parker said the industry is doing everything in its powers to eliminate the exportation of greyhounds to countries with poor animal welfare standards.

“GA and its member controlling bodies are doing everything possible to stop greyhounds being exported to countries with poor animal welfare standards.

“We support legitimate exports to countries that meet the high animal welfare standards imposed in Australia with appropriate checks and balances to ensure that high animal welfare standards are maintained throughout the export process.

“The greyhound racing industry remains adamant that the best efforts of industry must be complemented by legislative change. GA is hopeful that the Federal Government, under new Agriculture Minister The Hon David Littleproud MP, will make it mandatory that exporters provide evidence of having obtained a GA Passport at the time of export and amend the legislation accordingly,” Mr Parker said.

The review of GA’s Greyhound Passport Scheme will be completed in March 2018.

Media enquiries: Scott Parker 0407 303 854