

## **Report of the 7 September 2022 Meeting of the GRNZ Animal Health and Welfare Committee**

**Present:** Jim Edwards, Chair  
Malcolm Jansen, Vet  
Dave Matheson, Vet  
Kat Littlewood, Vet and Massey Lecturer  
Philip Morrison, Vet  
Michelle Ledger, Vet, GRNZ Welfare Manager (via videoconferencing) from 11.15am  
Mairi Stewart, Animal Welfare Consultant, RIB (observer)  
Gwyneth Verkerk, NAWAC Observer (via videoconferencing)  
Paula Lemow, NAWAC Observer (via videoconferencing) until 2pm

**In Attendance:** Edward Rennell, CEO GRNZ  
Glenda Hughes, Interim CEO GRNZ from 11am  
Michael Dore, Racing Manager GRNZ until 11.05am  
Candice Robins-Goodman (item 7.4 only)  
Karen Waterreus, Minutes Secretary

**Apologies:** Sally Cory and Nick Ydgren

### **Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting 27 July 2022 and Matters Arising**

Already circulated. Confirmed as a true and correct record. Noted items completed, work on-going and other items included on the agenda. Updated Action Register attached as an appendix to the minutes. Committee members updated other items actioned or completed.

### **Population Management including Registrations, Statistics and Management of Breeding**

September 2022 Welfare Committee update received reporting on Total Injuries for the 2021/22 Season, Count of Pups born and Preferred Box Draw Injury Data.

### **Research Project Updates**

**Bone Density Research** received update on Massey University research supervised by Chris Rogers

**Behavioural Research** received update on research being undertaken by Masters Student at Massey University supervised by Kat Littlewood.

### **GRNZ Chief Executive Report**

Noted

- Successful rehoming of dogs removed from kennels following an RIB audit
- Kennels have been contacted to ensure improvements done
- Progress on straight tracks
- Possibility of a curator to manage all tracks around New Zealand
- Workshop programme
- Roadshows for Waikato, Central District and Christchurch

### **Injuries and deaths**

Noted injury and death data set out in Welfare Report and agreed need to develop more sensitive measure for PBD injury rates. Received minutes of 18 August Serious Injuries Racing Committee.

### **Euthanasia**

Noted value of specialist input for the Euthanasia Decision Panel. Agreed to share the list of circumstances where euthanasia is necessary. Confirmed it is the Committee's role to ensure on track vets' decisions are within the guidelines.

## **Rehoming**

Data from Greyhounds adoption survey will be available within the next couple of weeks. Marketing campaign under way in Auckland, Wellington and Levin as well as radio campaign on the Edge, Mai FM and The Rock. Noted education modules being developed for Greatmates staff as well as Vet health check form. Work started on possible improvements to assessment criteria process. Private rehoming assessment will be managed by Nightrave.

## **RIB Update**

Analysis of RIB Kennel and Transport Audit Size and Compliance Size noted. RIB status report being included in next report to Minister at the end of September. Kennel audits covering 132 LPs finished. Contracts for rehoming kennels will include requirement that they are subject to an RIB audit.

## **7.6 Track Standards**

Database complete through NZ Turf Institute provides a snapshot of where we are at and provides a national repository of problems.

## **Industry Standards and Education**

### **Draft Housing Standards Consultation**

Committee discussed draft standards and noted the standards would go to consultation late September. Noted breeding standards and housing standards are the current priorities.

Prohibited practices have been discussed by the Vets on the Committee. They will be finalised for inclusion in the Standards.

### **Hot Weather Racing and Travel Policy**

Committee discussed the policy and agreed to also start looking at measurements of humidity.

### **End of Life Decision Making Protocol**

Received for discussion at the October Committee meeting.

## **KPIs**

The following KPIs are being discussed between GRNZ and RIB:

1. Euthanasia
2. Injury
3. Education
4. Traceability
5. Rehoming

## **General Business**

The Committee received the policy paper "Greyhound retired as a pet – kept by owner" prepared as a result of discussions at the 27 July 2022 Committee meeting.

## **Next Meeting**

Tuesday, 18 October 2022.

## **Closure**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 2.45pm

## **Minutes approved:**

**Signed:**

**Date:**

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