

South Island Trainer Newsletter August 2018

Hi everyone,

Just wanting to give everyone an update on how GAP is going in the South Island and give you clarity on how the program works and the fees involved with putting greyhounds through GAP.

We have some changes coming up with the announcement that our new GAP kennel base will be with Calum Weir and May Cutler. Calum and May are really excited to come on board with GAP and will be housing 8 dogs for rehoming at any time from the 27th August. They are also going to be managing the waiting list for your dog's coming into the program and entering them into GAP, along with the care and welfare of the greyhounds in our care.

For my part I am going to be in charge of the rehoming side of the program and doing the assessments and matching of dogs to new homes. I will also be providing support and ongoing advice for the new owners, working closely with Calum and May to make this program work as smoothly as possible to help get more greyhounds into new homes.

Wait list for GAP:

There has been some confusion over how the waiting list works and the time frame of the list. We can never predict how long the wait time is for any particular dog as trainers with multiple greyhounds on the list will only be allowed 1-2 dogs in the program at a time so their other dogs will then be skipped as we will move onto the next trainer on the list with dogs waiting. It also depends on how many we are rehoming as to when space becomes available for the next dog.

The wait list is for **retired greyhounds only**. This is to make it fair and easier for us to manage when calling in dogs and to not disadvantage any dogs on the list. This is not a new requirement but one that has not been enforced well before in the South Island. The list will be checked monthly for current racing dogs and any dogs that are found to be racing will be removed from the list without notice. If you notice one of your dogs is not on the list that has been previously or that you have now retired that was once on the list, please do email us to let us know that it is now ready to be added onto the list again. We cannot manage what dogs need to be added back on, you will need to let us know. If you see another person's dog on the list that you know is still racing please feel free to advise us.

If you would like to enter a greyhound into the rehoming program then we can provide you with a Trainers ID number (if you have not got one already) and you can enter the dogs on yourself through our website link below.

<https://greyhoundsaspets.org.nz/eform/submit/trainer-entry-form>

If you do not have an ID number or are not sure how to use the form you can email us directly and we can add them to the list for you.

Once your dog has been called into the GAP program please fill in the form below for us as

this needs to accompany your dog on entry. If you do not have a way to fill this out or print off then we do have copies for you to fill in. Link provided.

<https://greyhoundsaspets.org.nz/sites/default/files/Entry-forms-18-Dec-13.pdf>

Procedures for entry:

All greyhounds coming into the GAP program must be of sound health and fully vaccinated for: Core Vaccine (Parvo, Distemper etc.) This needs to be given in the last three years before entry. And also the Kennel Cough Vaccine, this must be one that does not require a booster in a months' time (usually an injectable version requires a booster) as this does not fully cover them and they will not be accepted into the program and will cost you more money and time to get the greyhound re-vaccinated in the months' time. We recommend the intra-nasal Kennel Cough Vaccine as this is only required to be given once for full immunity. This needs to be given within the last 12 months before entry.

If getting your dog vaccinated to come into the GAP program then these need to be given a minimum of **ten days before entry**. If you are sending greyhounds to either of our Kennel Bases in the North Island you will also be required to vaccinate them for Leptospirosis. All dogs will need veterinary books filled in by the vets on entry to prove their vaccinations are up to date.

We are also going back to GAP doing the desexing after a greyhound comes into the kennel.

To help this part of the program please note:

When the last time your bitch has been in season and if close to coming in again as this may affect us being able to take her into the program. -a bitch that comes into season when we take her holds up space and time for her rehoming and other dogs on the list waiting to come in.

With males please check and note if they have a retained testicle or if it they are desexed or had one removed etc. for our files and so we can let the vets know.

Also please check your greyhound's teeth as dogs with large amounts of dental work may be denied entry to the program on medical reasons. If your dog does require dental work but you would still like them to come through GAP then a contribution to the costs of the dental work will be asked for.

For dogs that are retiring/entering GAP due to injury we may require you to prove they are now sound so a veterinary note clearing them of health related issues may be asked for on entry. GAP has a full disclosure policy for all new owners so if you have veterinary notes on any past medical issues with your dog we would like these to pass along to new owners. This will help in the rehoming of your greyhound and help prevent them being hurt again or aggravating an old injury in their new pet homes.

All greyhounds along with health and vaccinations are to be microchipped and with current/up to date council registration tag/number. If they are not this can be arranged to be done by GAP but will incur additional costs on entry. Please see below for the costs.

Fees for Entry:

Below are the current entry fees for greyhounds to enter the GAP Program, these are to be

paid on the day of entry or if invoiced then within five days of the invoice. If you have any queries about the invoice please ask ASAP. Also if you have any outstanding entry fees then we are not able to take any new dogs from you until these are paid in full.

A sound, fully vaccinated, microchipped, council registered greyhound: \$60.00

Additional extra fee if not microchipped: \$30.00

Additional extra fee for un-council registered greyhounds: \$20.00

Fees are inclusive of GST

New General Manager

The Trust Board is delighted to announce the appointment of Diana Anderson to the role of General Manager for the Greyhound Adoption Programme Trust.

Diana comes to us from a business development manager role with a software development company in the fresh produce industry. Her career to date has enabled her to develop sound general management skills, continuously improving systems and contributing strongly to improved company performance. She has built strong industry relationships and led teams to get good results. Diana's system focus will also hold her in good stead.

As many of you will know Diana is currently the GAP Regional Co-ordinator for the Bay of Plenty and Waikato. She brings energy and passion to this role and is keen to be able to direct that energy and passion to the national role. Diana is looking forward to working with everyone to lead and build a new GAP future, and to rehome as many greyhounds as possible. Diana starts the GM role on the 13th August. You can contact her at

diana@gap.co.nz

I hope you have found this newsletter helpful and informative, if there is anything I can help you with please do let me know and look forward to working closer with you all to getting more greyhounds into homes.

Best wishes

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