



GRNZ Vaccination Policy

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The minimum vaccination requirements for greyhounds changed under the GRNZ Health and Welfare Standards (published 2018).

To protect the health and welfare of greyhounds and avoid preventable diseases, greyhounds must be vaccinated against distemper, hepatitis, parvovirus (the core vaccinations) and infectious canine cough (previously called kennel cough). Protection must be maintained by giving booster vaccinations at recommended intervals. They must also receive any other vaccinations recommended by your veterinarian based on local risk factors (e.g. Leptospirosis).

The vaccination protocol for puppies generally requires vaccines at 8, 12 and 16 weeks of age. This is then followed by an adolescent booster(s) that may be given anytime between 6 months and 16 months of age. Following the adolescent booster(s), greyhounds must receive ongoing annual boosters for infectious canine cough (and Leptospirosis if recommended) as well as a core vaccine booster every third year.

Proof of puppy vaccinations must be provided with the Litter Registration form. These must be submitted to GRNZ prior to the puppies reaching 4 months of age. It is understood that puppies will not have completed their initial vaccination courses by this age, however, puppies will not be registered without proof of having received at least one vaccination at 12 weeks of age.

Proof of adolescent boosters (core vaccines and infectious canine cough) and annual vaccinations, signed by a veterinarian, must be provided to GRNZ in a form prescribed from time to time. It will not be possible to nominate greyhounds to race or register them to breed, if they do not have up-to-date vaccinations.

Trainers and Owners are required under the Health and Welfare Standards to keep detailed records (including date, time, person prescribing, person administering, dosage) of all treatments administered to a greyhound, including vaccinations. These must be recorded and retained for two years. All such records must be provided on request to GRNZ and/or the RIU.