



## **GRNZ Use of Alternative or Complementary Medicines Policy Effective 1 January 2019**

Registered Veterinary Medicines have all been assessed for effectiveness and safety by MPI. If there is no registered product available for use in dogs in New Zealand, then a veterinarian may prescribe another medicine 'off label'. If no such medicine is available, then alternative treatments should be discussed with your veterinarian.

Greyhounds should only be administered medication that is either:

- authorised for use in the greyhound by a veterinarian; and/or
- registered for dogs for the specific use by the Ministry for Primary Industries under the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines Act 1997.

This does not prevent the use of alternative or complementary medicines, but they should always be used with caution to ensure that they are safe, will not adversely affect a greyhound's welfare and in the case of competing dogs, will not cause a positive swab.