

Exercise, Socialisation and Enrichment Plan



FAQs

WHAT IS AN EXERCISE, SOCIALISATION AND ENRICHMENT (ESE) PLAN?

Standard 3 of the new **GRNZ Greyhound Welfare Standards** (implemented on 1 May 2023) requires every person taking care of greyhounds to produce an ESE Plan for their premises for all of the different life cycle stages of the greyhounds they care for.

GRNZ has created a template to assist LPs with completing their plan - which can be found on the website [here](#), under About GRNZ/Fees & Forms. LPs who require additional help completing their plan can email welfare@grnz.co.nz for assistance.



WHY IS AN ESE PLAN NEEDED?

The purpose of these plans is to document the types of socialisation and enrichment activities performed by LPs caring for greyhounds, in line with the requirements in standard 3. This ensures that LPs have a comprehensive plan to socialise greyhounds well during their key developmental stages to ensure that they develop appropriate behaviours, and that LPs plan to provide for their ongoing mental and behavioural health at all stages of their racing and breeding careers. Also, through adequate socialisation and enrichment, to prepare them well for life as a pet after their racing career is over.

WHAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN AN ESE PLAN?

Standard 3 details what must be performed, and for how long each day or week, for each greyhound life cycle stage. These activities are summarised in Table 4 of standard 3 and detailed in the ESE Plan template. Most greyhound people know what to do, and do these things anyway; the plan requires your usual socialisation routine to be documented.

Further ideas for enrichment can be found in the advisory in standard 3 of the GRNZ Greyhound Welfare Standards and in the socialisation and enrichment section, under the 'Greyhounds' tab of the website [here](#). LPs who require additional help with explaining what they usually do with their greyhounds can email welfare@grnz.co.nz with their request.



DO ESE PLANS NEED TO BE SUBMITTED OR WILL ANYONE LOOK AT THEM?

The ESE Plan will remain at the LP's registered address with all of their kennel documents. It can be regularly updated if they get different life cycle stages of greyhounds or change what they are doing. The RIB will ask to see their plan when they perform kennel audits. If an LP does not have a plan available, they may be issued with an improvement notice.



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