

BREEDING

Changes to standards around breeding have been updated to reflect veterinary best practice for responsible dog breeding, in order to improve greyhound welfare and reduce the risk of health issues.

LICENSING

Those involved in breeding must hold an appropriate GRNZ licence (Breeder, Litter Master or Stud Master).

REGISTRATION

Breeding females must be registered with GRNZ for breeding.

Registration will be inactivated following 2 caesareans.

AGE

Breeding Female must:

- be over 16 months old
- not be serviced or inseminated on her first season
- be younger than 7 years

Approval must be obtained from GRNZ to breed from a female greyhound 7 years or older.

ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Transcervical insemination (TCI) is the preferred method

WHELPING

Within 7 days prior to whelping and until puppies are 8 weeks of age the dam and her puppies must be separated from other greyhounds

WHELPING BOX

Should be:

- In an area of minimum 15m²
- Easily disinfected
- Accommodate all puppies comfortably during feeding
- Meet standards under Section 2 (Kennel Facilities) of Health and Welfare Standards.

NUMBER OF LITTERS

Maximum of 3 litters. Approval must be obtained from GRNZ to breed a fourth litter.

RETIREMENT

Once retired from breeding the dam should be de-sexed to reduce the risk of uterine infections.

The dam must be deregistered from breeding with GRNZ.

FURTHER INFORMATION

This poster summarises the highlights of Section 7 of the GRNZ Health and Welfare Standards 2018: Breeding. For the full wording and details please refer to the Health and Welfare Standards 2018 document and the GRNZ policy for registering a breeding female, that can both be viewed at grnz.co.nz

Copies of the GRNZ Health and Welfare Standards 2018 can be obtained from GRNZ, PO Box 38313, Wellington Mail Centre 5045 or by emailing greyhound@grnz.co.nz