



QUARTERLY GREYHOUND RACING HANSEN REPORT UPDATE (Quarter 9, May 2020)

Please find below our ninth Quarterly Hansen Report which updates and outlines our progress on the recommendations to date. Like the rest of the country our operations were significantly impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic. We provide an overview of that impact together with the rehoming stats for the Quarter, race track improvements and an overview of the Quarter's major milestone, the launch of the Great Mates website.

As mentioned in our report of February 2020 we anticipate that this June report will now be our final Quarterly update and have provided a status report on all twenty of the Hansen recommendations.

Impact of COVID-19 on Greyhound Racing and Rehoming

The arrival of Alert Level 3 on Monday 23 March saw GRNZ abandon race meetings that had been finalised at Invercargill, Christchurch and Wanganui on the Tuesday and Wednesday, in preparation for the lockdown.

All racing and trialling operations were cancelled during the lockdown, which cut off the regular income for many licensed persons. To assist those facing hardship during this period GRNZ introduced a subsidised dog food plan which naturally was well received by those in need.

Due to the natural fitness of our canine athletes, Greyhound Racing was the first sport to be operational again after the lockdown with the first race meetings being run on Tuesday 5 May, after a week of trials to prepare. Trials and Races were run under strict protocols, endorsed by WorkSafe and mostly borrowed from Australian greyhound racing jurisdictions which continued to operate through the pandemic.

The 48 hour notice of lockdown created a mass of activity across our rehoming centres as calls were made to prospective adoptive homes and foster homes. The team did a remarkable job to get around 50% of our hounds into new or temporary homes.

The balance remained at our Great Mates centres, which were granted essential animal welfare service status by MPI. The majority of these dogs were able to progress through to "Green" status during the lockdown meaning that they were ready for adoption when operations returned to allowing the public with Alert Level 2 in mid May.

The Covid-19 lockdown saw our prison program cancelled and we are currently awaiting Corrections clearance to return onsite to Rimutaka and Arohata Prisons.

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They love to race.**

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Greyhound imports were also cancelled during the lockdown period but by far the best statistic during the pandemic was for euthanasia with no Greyhounds being put down during that period.

Last Quarter Statistics: February 1 - April 30

In the last quarter there were 100 greyhounds adopted through our Great Mates rehoming program. Whilst this is 12 fewer than the previous quarter, it is very pleasing when the impact of Covid-19 is taken into consideration.

As of April 30 there were 118 greyhounds on our waiting list, 51 under our direct care, 77 in foster homes, and none in the Prison programme.

Note that these figures only include Greyhounds that have gone through the Great Mates Rehoming Programme, an additional 19 Greyhounds were privately rehomed by trainers and owners.

Race Track Improvements

In the seven months since the GRNZ Track Advisor, Nigel Rugg, started in this new role, there have been 11 dogs euthanised due to racetrack injuries. This is down from 33 in the same period last year.

This reduction is testament to the expertise that Nigel brings to the role. In our last report we mentioned that new 'Track Groomers' that Nigel designed, based on his Australian experience, were being manufactured. The first Groomer began work on the Cambridge track in March and the second has just arrived in Manukau.

This new equipment, 50% funded from the Minister's Racing Safety Development Fund, will provide greater certainty that we can provide racing surfaces that are consistent and safe.

Launch of Tracking Software and Great Mates Website

The new Greyhound Tracking Software attached to our Database was launched on 26 May. This software accounts for every Greyhound from birth through racing and then through the Rehoming Programme.

It will ensure the accuracy of data within the rehoming through adoption process as dogs under the care of say our Levin Kennel are transferred for Night Rave specialist training or to the Prison Programme or to an adoption partner's foster home.

In order to make this happen during lockdown, training manuals and videos were sent to our staff around the country so we could complete their training remotely rather than waiting for the travel restrictions to lift.

Tracking Software Screen Shot

KENNEL	LOCATION	NAME	ASSESSMENT STATUS	RESERVATION STATUS	ACTION
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Barwon Bandit (AUS)	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Bigtime Sandy	Green	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Bigtime Wayno	Green	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Dewie	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Dime Diva	Green	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Gotcha Penry	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Gotcha Rocky	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Kerry Lane	Pending assessment	Unavailable	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Lightning Lu	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Lucky James	Amber	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Midsomer Magic	Green	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Mitsuta	Green	Available	Change location
GreatMates Levin	GreatMates Levin	Rocky Top	Green	Available	Change location

Great Mates Website

<https://www.greymates.co.nz/>

Great Mate's own separate website went live this month. This website has been established to:

- Provide information on the Great Mates rehoming Programme and all the great work that is being done
- Explain the 'well-being package' all greyhounds receive from GRNZ to be well prepared to be rehomed
- Promote how amazing Greyhounds are as a breed and as pets
- Provide links and contact information to all our adoption partners
- Provide information on how to adopt a greyhound
- Provide information on the Prison Programme

We have received good feedback on this so far and intend to use this feedback to provide direction as to how we further grow the site. The site has the ability to add photo galleries or a 'day in the life' profile of one of our kennel hands among other things.

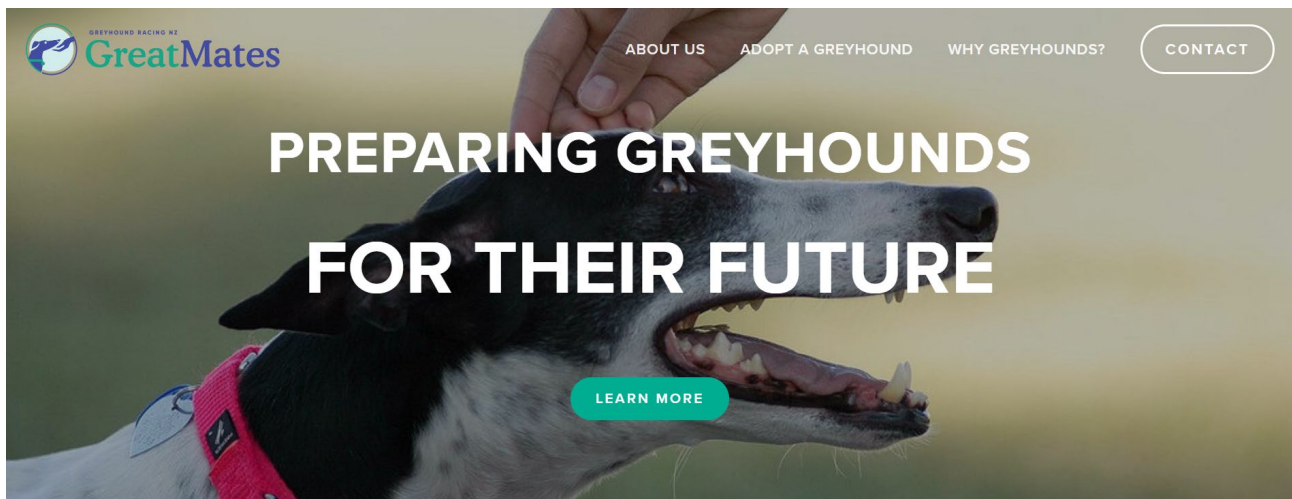
Excerpts from the site have been added as an Appendix to this report.

Status Summary of The Hansen Report's 20 Recommendations:

1. Finalise Greyhound Health & Welfare Standards
In place since August 2018.
2. Annual Inspection of all Kennels by RIU
In place since 2018/19 season.
3. Ongoing Emphasis on new Health & Welfare Standards
Educational campaigns commenced 2018
4. Ensure Vaccinations of Greyhounds are up-to-date by making them a prerequisite for Registration and Racing
Policy Released January 2019.
5. If Ear-Branding is required Anaesthetic must be used.
Topical anaesthetic cream used by ear branders.
6. Establish Separate Register of Breeding Stock.
Completed 2018.
7. GRNZ Database should Track all Greyhounds from Birth to Adoption.
Incremental progress from new Rules in 2018 through to the recent website release.
8. RIU Kennel Inspections should Audit Greyhounds against the Database
In place since 2018.

9. Private Adoptions should be subject an Audit Audits commenced in 2018/19 season.
10. Greyhounds should be de-sexed as part of de-registering Standard practice before Hansen Report.
11. GRNZ to ensure Greyhounds are also registered under the Territorial Authority
This is in place but progress is also being made to have Racing Greyhounds reclassified as working dogs.
12. All Dogs, not just Racing Dogs, must be tracked in the GRNZ Database and be kept in the Care and Control of a Licensed Person
New Rules introduced August 2018.
13. Introduce a Rule to make it mandatory to seek approval before euthanasia
Rule allowing GRNZ to establish euthanasia policy in place 2018.
14. Expand racing opportunities to extend racing careers of Greyhounds
Additional races programmed every year since Hansen Report, with more in the pipeline for the coming season.
15. Expand Re-Homing Operation
The most significant undertaking by GRNZ. All three rehoming centres became fully operational this season as well as a second Prison being added to the Prison Program.
16. Use Education/Regulation to keep dog numbers to a level that can be rehomed
Restriction on import numbers introduced 2018, restriction on the number of litters that a breeding female can have also introduced 2018.
17. Euthanasia due to Racetrack injuries to be made public in Stewards' Reports.
Reported since December 2017.
18. Trainers must report injuries to Greyhounds
New injury reporting Rule introduced August 2018.
19. GRNZ to keep track of Greyhounds' Veterinary Care Records.
New injury reporting Rule introduced August 2018.
20. Improve Safety of Racetracks
PhD student engaged, extended arm lure in place at Addington, sprint boxes redesigned in Palmerston North, Track Advisor appointed, and taking delivery of new Racetrack Groomers.

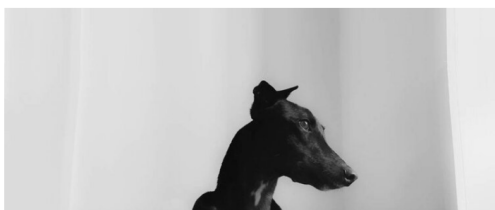
Appendix: Great Mates Website Material



Greyhound Racing New Zealand is proud to launch the Great Mates Rehoming Programme.

The Great Mates Rehoming Programme helps prepare each greyhound for their new lives as pets. Our programme provides each greyhound with full assessments, training, grooming, dental, vet care and desexing.

Once a greyhound graduates from our rehoming programme, one of our wonderful adoption partners reserves the dog, and then puts it up for adoption on their website, so you can adopt!



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Find out about our programme, our mission, our process, and our dedicated teams.

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The Great Mates Rehoming Programme works in collaboration with our adoption agencies Nightrave and GAP (Greyhounds as Pets). Once a greyhound has graduated from the programme, an adoption agency can reserve the greyhound and then put it up for adoption on their website.

WHAT THE REHOMING PROCESS LOOKS LIKE IN MORE DETAIL:

Once a greyhound retires from racing, their trainer deregisters it, and puts it on a waitlist for one of our three Great Mates kennel bases (Cambridge, Levin or Rangiora). Once a space opens up, the greyhound is then sent to the Great Mates kennel base where it can begin its rehoming preparation.

During their stay, each dog has its own indoor and outdoor kennel, bedding, coats and toys. Our kennels also provide specific exercise and training areas for our greyhounds.

Great Mates provides each greyhound who is inducted into the programme full assessments, training, grooming, vet care and de-sexing. To ensure we give every dog the best chance of being rehomed, greyhounds are not assessed as "pass" or "fail" but are assessed in what areas they need extra training to adjust to life as a pet.

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Early in 2018, Greyhound Racing New Zealand partnered with the Department of Corrections to develop a therapeutic Greyhound rehoming programme. Now a permanent initiative, the Great Mates Prison Programme sees the prisoners take on roles as dog handlers, trainers and foster carers and the prison environment provides a unique platform in assisting the greyhound rehoming process. The extra training and acclimatising, the greyhounds can have, in the Great Mates Prison Programme before adoption, increases the likelihood that once the greyhound is placed in a new home, that they will remain there.

Over eight weeks, prison handlers work with a greyhound going through the programme; training them and getting them ready for a domestic environment. Kennels, an exercise area, and an area that resembles a residential home have been established within the prison grounds to help the greyhounds get ready for adoption.

Currently, the programme is active within the Te Whare Manaakitanga Special Treatment Unit at Rimutaka Prison in Upper Hutt, Wellington. Jo Heath, the unit's Principal Corrections Officer says "The programme provides the men the opportunity to expand on the therapeutic skills they learn during the STURP (Special Treatment Rehabilitation Unit Programme). They can practice their communication skills, teamwork, patience, work ethics, emotional management and empathy. The positive changes I've seen in the men has been a privilege. The way they have worked together to overcome challenges, the time and effort they have put into training their greyhounds, and the care and love they showed towards each greyhound is amazing to see."