



## **HYPOXIA and CRAMPING STAND DOWNS FOR GREYHOUNDS.** As at 26 April 2020

### Hypoxia Policy

- 1). A greyhound deemed by the OTV to have 'Mild' hypoxia, post-race (i.e. the greyhound does not collapse), the Trainer/Handler would be cautioned and this would be subsequently recorded against the greyhound. Greyhounds continuously displaying symptoms shall be monitored visually, after each race, by the OTV.
- 2). Should a greyhound exhibit signs of a more serious state of hypoxia, post-race (i.e. defined as significant – greyhound collapsing or would collapse if not supported by a handler), the greyhound shall be stood down for 10 days and be subjected to a satisfactory solo trial in the presence of an OTV. Should the OTV report any signs of significant hypoxia being present, then the trial will not be considered to have been completed and the greyhound stood down for 14 days. Should it pass the trial, the greyhound will be free to be nominated.
- 3). Should the same greyhound fail a subsequent trial due to significant hypoxia, the OTV in consultation with the Stewards and connections will consider the suitability of the greyhound's racing future.
- 4). Should the same greyhound be deemed by the OTV to have significant hypoxia, post-race and on a second occasion that greyhound shall be stood down for 14 days and be subjected to a satisfactory solo trial in the presence of a OTV. At the completion of the trial the greyhound shall be examined by the OTV for any signs of hypoxia. Should the OTV report any signs of significant hypoxia, then the trial will not be considered to have been completed and the OTV in consultation with the Stewards and connections consider the suitability of the greyhound's racing future.
- 5). Should the same greyhound be deemed by the OTV to have significant hypoxia, post-race on a third occasion then the Stewards in consultation with the OTV and connections will consider the suitability of the greyhound's racing future.

### Cramping Policy

- 1). A greyhound diagnosed by the OTV to have cramped, the Stewards decide if it has affected its run up to the winning post. If not – it is simply noted against the greyhound.
- 2). Should a greyhound be diagnosed by the OTV to have cramped and it has affected the run of the greyhound then, after consultation with the connections consider whether there are significant factors that may have led to the cramping i.e. Track conditions, first time over distance etc. Consultation with the OTV regarding a 5 day stand down being necessary will be dependent on severity of cramping with this noted against the greyhound.
- 2). Should a greyhound be diagnosed by the OTV as having cramped on a second occasion and this has affected the performance of the greyhound then it shall be stood down for a period of 5 days and pending a satisfactory solo trial and clear Veterinarian examination post-trial, the conditions of the trial shall be determined by the Stewards as per GRNZ Rule 38.10(c), with this noted against the greyhound.
- 3). Should a greyhound be diagnosed on a third or subsequent time by the OTV as having cramped then the greyhound shall be stood down for 10 days and pending a satisfactory solo trial and clear Veterinarian examination post-trial, the conditions of the trial shall be determined by the Stewards as per GRNZ Rule 38.10(c), with this noted against the greyhound.

(Stewards have the discretion to stand down the greyhound pending a vet clearance including blood results for extreme cases of cramping)