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Dear [REDACTED]

RE: REQUEST FOR AN UPDATE ON THE WELFARE OF ELKO AND POP'S GIRL, AND FOR GREATER TRANSPARENCY ON GREYHOUND RACING INJURIES

I refer to your letter dated 26 August 2026 requesting information about the greyhounds 'Elko' and 'Pop's Girl'.

Some information about these two dogs is published on Tasracing's website. To the extent that information is sought that is not otherwise publicly available, the appropriate mechanism for obtaining access to that information is generally through an application for assessed disclosure under the Right to Information Act 2009.

On this occasion, Tasracing has elected to provide the requested information without requiring a formal application under the Act. This should not be taken as a precedent for future requests. Tasracing notes that any future requests for information of this nature may need to be made and considered in accordance with the requirements and processes established under the Right to Information Act 2009.

Below is the information and responses requested in relation to Elko and Pop's Girl:

- **A current update on the condition and veterinary treatment of Elko and Pop's Girl, including the nature and severity of their injuries and their expected recovery trajectory.**

Elko, which sustained an injury on Thursday 20 August 2026, received on-track veterinary care. He was presented to a veterinary clinic the following day where he remained before undergoing surgery for a fractured radius and ulna. The procedure was successful and he is recovering well at his owner's property. Follow-up examinations have been scheduled with the treating veterinarian to monitor his progress and ensure his recovery remains on track.

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Pop's Girl also received on-track veterinary care and was further assessed by her regular veterinarian the following day, who diagnosed a hairline fracture of the ulna and determined that surgery was not required at that stage. She was discharged with a full-leg splint, prescribed medication, and scheduled for a follow-up appointment the following Monday. During that appointment, the veterinarian consulted with Tasracing Chief Veterinary & Animal Welfare Officer Dr Martin Lenz and it was agreed that surgical stabilisation of the fracture using a plate was the most appropriate course of action. This approach was recommended to minimise movement at the fracture site and reduce the risk of complications that could otherwise delay healing or necessitate more extensive treatment in the future.

The expected recovery trajectory for both greyhounds will depend on a range of factors, including the nature and severity of their injuries, their response to treatment, adherence to rehabilitation protocols, and ongoing veterinary assessments. Both dogs are receiving appropriate veterinary care and will continue to be monitored throughout their recovery.

- **Confirmation of where each dog is presently being cared for, and whether that care is being independently veterinary-supervised.**

Both greyhounds are recovering at their owners' properties in environments that are familiar to them. Their treatment and recovery are being overseen by their regular veterinarians, with ongoing follow-up appointments scheduled to monitor healing, perform dressing changes where required, assess recovery progress, and ensure medication regimes remain appropriate throughout the rehabilitation process.

- **An assurance regarding what will happen to Elko and Pop's Girl at the conclusion of their three-month stand-down period, including whether they will be permitted to retire from racing rather than being required to race again, and whether rehoming support will be made available to them regardless of the outcome.**

Greyhounds may retire from racing at any stage and are not required to return to racing following a stand-down period. Both owners have indicated that Elko and Pop's Girl will not return to racing and will instead enter the retirement process once they have fully recovered from their injuries.

As with any greyhound retiring from racing, rehoming support will be available through the Greyhound Adoption Program (GAP) should it be required.

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- Confirmation that neither dog will be transferred interstate, or euthanised, without this being publicly disclosed and without our organisations first being offered the opportunity to assist with rehoming or ongoing care.

Greyhounds are independently owned, and decisions regarding their ongoing care, location and management remain the responsibility of their owners, subject to applicable regulatory requirements. Any decision to transfer a greyhound interstate, or to seek veterinary treatment outside Tasmania, is therefore a matter for the owner rather than Tasracing or the Tasracing Integrity Unit.

In Tasmania, unless immediate euthanasia is absolutely essential, licensed or registered persons cannot euthanise greyhounds without approval from the relevant regulatory authority. Euthanasia is only considered in exceptional circumstances, including where it is determined to be in the best interests of the greyhound from a welfare perspective, based on expert veterinary advice and in consultation with the appropriate regulatory body.

We recognise the concern raised regarding visibility of outcomes for greyhounds that leave Tasmania, and welfare authorities retain an interest in confirming that any such greyhound is appropriately cared for. If you wish, we are happy to advise the respective owners that they may reach out to you directly to assist with rehoming or ongoing care, should either be required.

- A commitment to standardised, proactive public reporting of serious greyhound racing injuries in Tasmania going forward, including outcome data (recovery, retirement, rehoming or death), rather than case-by-case disclosure only in response to media or political pressure.

Tasracing already undertakes standardised, proactive public reporting of greyhound welfare outcomes. Information regarding race-day injuries is made publicly available through Steward's Reports published following race meetings, and Tasracing separately publishes the *Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement Quarterly Report*, which provides publicly available information on breeding, injury and retirement outcomes across the Tasmanian greyhound industry on a quarterly basis.

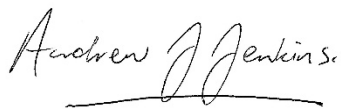
Serious injuries are also subject to ongoing follow-up by the Tasracing Chief Veterinary & Animal Welfare Officer and TIU Animal Welfare Officers, to monitor welfare outcomes and compliance with regulatory requirements.

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I trust this information addresses your request and constitutes Tasracing's response within the fourteen-day period sought in your letter of 26 August 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Yours sincerely



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cc Minister for Racing, Hon Roger Jaensch MP