

Industry Notice: Kennel Cough Update

Tasracing has now evaluated further information in regard to the current Kennel Cough outbreak, including the results of the greyhound participant survey.

From this information, the following facts have been established:

- The Kennel Cough outbreak commenced in early February and is still in the incubation and rapid spread stage.
- The outbreak is evident state-wide, with all three racing regions having kennels affected.
- At this stage of the outbreak, it is vital to reduce the opportunity for spread of infection.

To enhance biosecurity and reduce the risk of infection spread, it is not considered appropriate at this time to conduct race meetings or trials.

As a result, Tasracing has made the decision to cease the use of training facilities, the conduct of trials and racing until at least **Monday 9 March**.

Tasracing further advised that:

- A staged plan to return to training and racing will be developed in consultation with industry.
- Rescheduling of feature races will be advised.
- Tasracing is currently considering financial implications for the industry and participants.

Tasracing would like to highlight the following:

- The transfer of dogs between kennel locations (for example, to other trainers, including interstate) is to be avoided.
- Continue to isolate any greyhounds showing symptoms of Kennel Cough from other dogs.
- Do not take greyhounds to public areas to minimise the risk of the disease spreading to pet dogs in the community.
- Be aware that dogs who appear healthy may be in the incubation or early stages of the disease. If they have been in close proximity to infected dogs, they are likely to develop symptoms and spread the infection.
- If your dog shows more severe signs than the above and/or rapid deterioration, seek veterinary attention immediately.

Tasracing encourages all participants to discuss boosting their greyhounds' kennel cough vaccination with their veterinarians.

Consider vaccination if:

- the greyhound's last C5 vaccination was administered more than 6 months ago

- your greyhound is not currently showing clinical signs of kennel cough and your kennel has not recently had cases of kennel cough.



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