

## GRNZ Breeding Exemption Policy

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<p><b>1. Purpose and Scope:</b></p>	<p>The purpose of this Policy is to provide a clear framework for considering breeding exemption applications for breeding of females who become inactive to breed in terms of the following Rules:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GRNZ Rule 57: females seven (7) years or over; or</li> <li>2. GRNZ Rule 58: females having whelped three (3) litters; or</li> <li>3. RtR Policy (Part 4): females following surgical treatment under the RtR Policy provisions, which require veterinary certification prior to breeding.</li> </ol> <p>Exemption applications made under this Policy must be completed within 120 days of the proposed service date and are valid for only <b>ONE</b> service per application.</p>
<p><b>2. Application process:</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Only registered breeders may submit breeding exemption applications.</li> <li>2. A veterinary breeding health certificate must accompany all exemption applications.</li> <li>3. In considering breeding exemption applications, LPs must comply with the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>GRNZ Welfare Standard 4.15</b></li> </ul> <p>Decisions to breed should be based on available evidence of progeny race performance and likely improvement of the breed; and must be conducted with healthy individuals to ensure that the offspring they produce are as physically and behaviourally healthy as possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>GRNZ Welfare Standard 4.16</b></li> </ul> <p>A greyhound must not be involved in breeding if it has been diagnosed by a veterinarian as having a heritable disease or defect, or there is a reason to believe that the greyhound has a heritable disease or defect.</p> </li> <li>4. Breeding females must be registered for breeding and have 'pink card' status at the time of service, which may occur following the granting of exemptions. LPs must ensure that</li> </ol>

	<p>sufficient time is allowed that DNA results are returned, and registration is confirmed prior to the proposed service date.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. LPs are to complete the <b>GRNZ Breeding Exemption Application form</b> in full and submit to GRNZ via email (welfare@grnz.co.nz), or post, and pay the application fee.</li> <li>6. The GRNZ Animal Health and Welfare Committee (AHWC) breeding sub-committee will determine the suitability of the female to breed according to the decision-making process outlined in this Policy.</li> <li>7. Outcomes of the decision will be notified to the LP within seven (7) working days of application.</li> </ol>
<p><b>3. Decision-making process:</b></p>	<p>The <b>AHWC breeding sub-committee</b>, in determination of the suitability for a female to be granted a breeding exemption under this Policy, shall consider the following principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The female is eligible for a breeding exemption to be granted in terms of the GRNZ Rules of Racing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The female will not be caused to whelp more than once after seven (7) years of age; and</li> <li>• The female will not be caused to whelp more than five (5) litters; and</li> <li>• The female will not be caused to whelp more than two (2) litters in 18 months.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. The female has not had two (2) previous caesarean sections (GRNZ Welfare Standard 4.12).</li> <li>3. The female has been certified as fit and healthy to breed by a veterinary certificate submitted with an exemption application, within 120 days of the service date.</li> <li>4. The breeding female's last litter resulted in healthy, live offspring.</li> <li>5. The total number of previous abdominal surgeries the greyhound has experienced do not exceed four (4), including SAI and a maximum of one caesarean section.</li> <li>6. There were no serious complications associated with previous whelping.</li> <li>7. The performance aspects of previous litters regarding % live pups, % named (80% is the target), % raced (80% of named target).</li> <li>8. The female has no known behavioural issues (severe anxiety or aggression) which have previously negatively affected her progeny, or is likely to be passed from the female to her next litter. Here known instances of euthanasia for aggressive behaviour, or other behavioural abnormalities which</li> </ol>

	prevented rehoming in previous litters should be strongly weighted.
<b>4. Enforcement:</b>	This Policy is enforceable under the GRNZ Rules of Racing and failure to comply with this Policy may result in disciplinary action, including conditions being placed on breeding registration or the loss of breeding registration.

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