

Notice To Participants



Control of Pannus - Prednisolone

Greyhound Racing NSW advises participants that following extensive urine analyses performed after treatment of greyhounds affected by **Pannus** with **Prednefrin Forte** eye drops (prednisolone acetate ophthalmic suspension USP 1% manufactured and distributed by **Allergan Inc** in a 10 ml dropper), acceptable levels have been found, below which greyhounds will be allowed to race without penalty.

The policy will take effect from 1 January 2012 and applies only to greyhounds racing in NSW.

Participants are advised that greyhounds affected by **Pannus** must first be registered as such with GRNSW before being permitted to race whilst continuing treatment. To become registered a greyhound must be presented to a GRNSW Veterinarian as soon as possible after diagnosis and while the condition is still evident. This will then be noted against the greyhound's record kept with GRNSW.

Greyhounds already being treated for **Pannus**, must provide a certificate to that effect from a qualified veterinarian. For participants inside a 200 km radius of a GRNSW Official Veterinarian, this provision will cease to operate as of 1 January 2014, after which all such greyhounds will have to be presented to a GRNSW Official Veterinarian for diagnosis.

Greyhounds diagnosed as Pannus affected and kennelled outside of the 200 km radius of a GRNSW Veterinarian must be notified to GRNSW using the prescribed form signed by a qualified veterinarian.

Notification of Pannus affected greyhounds must be done using the prescribed form available on the GRNSW web site, www.thedogs.com.au under the Integrity section. Upon application the affected greyhound will be micro chipped, participants will have to return the greyhounds current registration certificate or identification card and a new identification card will be issued which will be clearly marked **PAN** as a distinguishing feature.

Application of one drop of prednisolone forte eye drops to each eye, up to three times per day, should keep excretion levels below the acceptable degree.

The exemption extended includes only greyhounds treated with **Prednefrin Forte eye drops** as described above and at the above dosage regime as a maximum.

The use of any other substance or the presence of excessive levels of prednisolone and/or it's metabolites in a urine sample taken from a **Pannus** registered greyhound may result in breaches of the prohibited substance rules.

The changes to the rules are:

Prohibited substances (to include);

LR 1 A (c) *Prednisolone and it's metabolites when present in greyhounds other than those registered with the Controlling Body pursuant to LR 1B.*

Exempted substances;

LR 1B *The prohibited substance prednisolone and it's metabolites are exempted substances when present in samples taken from greyhounds registered with the Controlling Body as greyhounds affected by chronic superficial keratitis or superficial stromal keratitis (Pannus).*

Should any participant have any questions regarding this important policy, please contact GRNSW's Integrity or Veterinary departments on (02) 8767 0500.