

ANIMAL EXEMPTION ORDERS ASSESSMENT GUIDELINES

Section 41 (1) of the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* makes it an offence to keep, on any premises at or on which greyhounds are kept, trialled, trained or raced any animal reasonably capable of being used as a lure in connection with the trialling, training or racing of greyhounds.

Section 41 (2) provides that the Commission may, on application by any person, make an order (an exemption order) authorising the person to keep an animal of the kind specified in the order.

Participants who keep greyhounds as well as animals that may be used as a lure must apply for an exemption order. These guidelines detail the animals for which an exemption order is required.

ANIMALS NOT REASONABLY CAPABLE OF BEING USED AS A LURE – APPROVAL NOT REQUIRED

An exemption is **not required** for the following animals:

- Horses
- Cattle
- Sheep
- Goats
- Pigs
- Deer
- Llamas
- Alpacas
- Donkeys/mules
- Fish, shellfish
- Native or feral animals that may be present on the property but not kept by persons

Note: While an exemption is not required for sheep, pigs and goats, an exemption is required to keep lambs, piglets or kids. Primary producers who keep sheep, pigs or goats should seek an exemption.

ANIMALS CAPABLE OF BEING USED AS A LURE – EXEMPTION ORDER REQUIRED

An exemption order is required to keep the following animals:

- Ferrets
- Guinea pigs
- Small dogs
- Lambs
- Kids (juvenile goats)
- Piglets
- Cats
- Rats
- Chickens
- Ducks
- Large or medium-sized dogs

- Geese
- Pigeons
- Reptiles (snakes, lizards)
- Native birds (note that a licence is required for the keeping of many native birds).

Note: Keeping of native mammals (including marsupials) as pets is not permitted under the *Biodiversity Conservation Act 2016*. A licence is required for the keeping of most native birds and reptiles; licences are issued by the Department of Environment.

PROHIBITED ANIMALS – NO EXEMPTION ORDER TO BE ISSUED

The *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* prohibits keeping of the following animals:

- Rabbits
- Possums

An exemption order cannot be given for possums or rabbits.

INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED:

Applicants are to provide the following information:

- Type and number of animals kept, and purpose for which animals are kept
- Number and age of greyhounds kept
- Greyhound training facilities on property (if any)
- Animal housing arrangements

ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS FOR EXEMPTION ORDER

An application for an exemption order may be approved subject to the following:

- Clear evidence regarding the purpose of keeping the animal
- Adequate information regarding any greyhound training facilities on the property
- Evidence (e.g. photos) that all greyhounds kept on the property are securely housed and cannot gain access to other animals
- Satisfactory disciplinary history.