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NSW greyhound racing industry's commitment to welfare and sustainability reflected in key performance indicators

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission's (GWIC) latest greyhound life cycle and injury reports have shown that reforms of the NSW greyhound racing industry are producing positive results against all key performance indicators.

This is a clear demonstration of the industry's commitment to achieving a sustainable future for the sport.

GWIC's greyhound injury report for 1 April to 30 June 2024 shows that the rate of on-track euthanasia is at its lowest level on record.

The Commission's lifecycle report for the same period shows that retirement rates are at an all-time high in addition to the industry reducing breeding levels to the one of the lowest rates on record.

GWIC's Chief Commissioner Mr Alby Taylor says these results are evidence of the united approach of the NSW greyhound racing industry to drive continuous improvement across all key performance indicators for the sport.

"These latest reports shows that the welfare of greyhounds has been given the highest priority by the New South Wales greyhound racing industry," Mr Taylor said.

"I am pleased to see these results as they reflect the industry's increased focus on safety and long-term sustainability is making a tangible difference. This is what the community expects, and these latest reports should serve to elevate confidence in the industry."

The implementation of robust and evidence-based strategies to improve welfare outcomes has resulted in a 68 percent decrease in on-track euthanasia from the previous financial year. It also continues a significant downward trend, with a 77 percent reduction in on-track euthanasia since 2018.

The greyhound injury report also shows that serious injuries (Category F) are lower than the same quarter in previous years.

The positive welfare trends extend to breeding rates and retirement numbers as well, highlighting the industry's dedication to a sustainable future.

The number of retirements for the 2024 financial year are up 112 percent on the previous 12 months, with more greyhounds than ever before being accepted into Greyhound As Pets centres, being retained by industry participants and being rehomed privately to non-participants.

Having one of the lowest breeding rates on record reflects the industry's renewed focus on ensuring the greyhound population is fit for purpose.

"These reports demonstrate a range of positive outcomes for greyhound welfare and industry integrity. In particular, the lowest on-track euthanasia rates on record and notable decline in serious injury rates shows we are making significant strides towards a safe and sustainable future," Mr Taylor said.

This reporting by GWIC, together with the eTrac public greyhound search facility, makes the NSW Greyhound Racing Industry unarguably the most transparent in Australia, if not the World. The greyhound lifecycle and injury reports can be found on its website: www.gwic.nsw.gov.au

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Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission

The Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission is the independent regulator for the greyhound industry in NSW. The Commission was established to promote and protect the welfare of greyhounds, safeguard the integrity of greyhound racing and maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry.

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