



# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **Contract terminated following veterinary incident at Richmond**

The Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has confirmed that it has mutually terminated its contract with the on-track veterinary service at Richmond track following an incident on Wednesday 26 May 2021.

Chief Executive Officer, Steve Griffin, said that an investigation by the Commission's Internal Complaints Panel had considered all the information available, including information provided by the contracted on-track veterinarian.

"Inquiries were made immediately following the incident at Richmond on Wednesday and further investigated by the Panel today," Mr Griffin said.

"The Panel determined that the Commission's *Principles in the Treatment of Greyhounds* and terms of the contract were not adhered to at all times."

Both full-time veterinarians and those contracted by the Commission are required to follow the *Principles in the Treatment of Greyhounds* when carrying out their duties. This document is available for viewing on the Commission's [website](#).

"In this circumstance, the contract with this service provider has been immediately terminated by agreement between both parties," Mr Griffin said.

"The welfare of racing greyhounds is a top priority for the Commission, and the industry at large, and that is why procedures such as these Principles are put in place, so that the expectation is clear and we are all accountable for our actions and decisions."

"The Commission sincerely regrets that the veterinary services on this occasion failed to follow the appropriate protocols."

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