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Hot Weather Forecasts & Upcoming Greyhound Racing

With hot weather predicted across the state over the coming days, Tasracing are monitoring potential impacts to the upcoming Greyhound meetings. Several initiatives have already been implemented to ensure the safety of all greyhounds at both the Monday night meeting at Mowbray and the Tuesday afternoon meeting at Hobart.

The initiatives currently implemented for both days are:

- A second veterinarian will be onsite for assistance.
- Air conditioning in the kennels will be turned on the night prior with doors to be closed until the start of kennelling.
- A hose will be available at the catching pen to cool down runners following a race.
- Temperature gauges (thermometers) will be used when greyhounds arrive and at any other time required.
- Cold Water baths and towels available for arrival and during the night.

Weather conditions will continue to be monitored for Tuesday, February 4, with the possibility of this race meeting being rescheduled to run at night. A final decision will be made and communicated regarding Tuesday's schedule on Monday morning at 9:00am.

Participants are reminded of the Office of Racing Integrity's hot weather scratching without penalty policy:

"Applications for scratchings without penalty due to the heat will only be approved if the official Bureau of Meteorology predicted temperature is 30° Celsius or above at the venue where the meeting is to be conducted, and the journey required for reaching the track exceeds eighty kilometres one way.

The application must be made prior to the official scratching time for the meeting. Trainers cannot pick and choose which greyhounds to scratch. If the Trainer applies to scratch a greyhound from a race meeting under this policy ALL of his/her greyhounds must be scratched from that race meeting."

Participants are also encouraged to refresh themselves on Tasracing's hot weather transport policy as below:

- During hot weather affected journeys, greyhounds should be transported in air-conditioned vehicles and/or trailers where possible. The internal temperature of the vehicle and/or trailer must be maintained at or below 30°C. (Ideally, the internal temperature of the vehicle or trailer should be between 16 - 24°C)
- During hot weather affected journeys, greyhounds should be inspected every two (2) hours during the journey, and if required provided with the opportunity for exercise, toileting and water/fluid consumption.
- Registered persons are permitted to use cooling vests on their greyhound at any time prior to or after racing.
- Upon arrival at the venue, a greyhound must be immediately offered drinking water before proceeding to kenneling.