

Integrity Unit

Greyhound Breeding, Racing Injury and Retirement

*Quarterly Report
January to March 2025*



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I. Overview

The data are derived from the *OzChase* system, on-track veterinarian and race-day stewards' reports. Information is the property of Tasracing and the Tasracing Integrity Unit (TIU) and is relevant to Tasmanian greyhound racing activities.

The following information is provided as a routine disclosure:

- I.1 Statistics on greyhound pups whelped and named as reported by owners and recorded by the TIU.
- I.2 Statistics on injuries occurring to racing greyhounds at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. The race-related injury data are sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and OzChase system reports.
- I.3 Statistics on death/euthanasia of racing greyhounds because of injuries received at race meetings held in Tasmania during the reporting period. This includes greyhounds injured in races, who received off-site treatment and assessment but were subsequently euthanised within a 14-day period from the date of injury. The data is sourced from on-track veterinarians' and stewards' reports, and OzChase system reports.
- I.4 Greyhound retirement notifications (including deaths) as reported by greyhound owners to the TIU and held in OzChase as at reporting date.

2. Greyhound pups born (whelped) and named from January to March 2025

During the period January to March 2025, there were 48 greyhound pups born (whelped) (Table 1) and 10 greyhounds named (Table 2) in Tasmania. Greyhounds are generally named for racing between 12 and 18 months of age, creating a delay between whelping and naming.

Table 1. Greyhound pups born (whelped) January to March 2025.

Greyhounds Whelped	
Month	Number
January 2025	0
February 2025	30
March 2025	18
Quarter Total	48

Table 2. Greyhounds Named January to March 2025

Greyhounds Named	
Month	Number
January 2025	0
February 2025	7
March 2025	3
Quarter Total	10

3. Injury Categories

3.1 Injury Severity Classification

Greyhounds injured or involved in incidents at Tasmanian race meetings are examined by on-track veterinarians. These incidents and actions are reported to the TIU and included in the stewards' reports for each race meeting.

Injuries vary from very minor incidents with no treatment or incapacitation (stand down) period required to severe injuries that result in the death or required euthanasia of a

greyhound. Mandatory stand down periods allow for injury recovery before a greyhound is permitted to race again.

4. Total reported injuries to racing greyhounds from January to March 2025

Injury rates are standardised as injuries per 1,000 starts. Every greyhound is counted each time it races in the reporting period to standardise injuries per 1,000 starts. During the period January to March 2025, there were 38 greyhound race meetings held at Tasmanian venues. At these race meetings, there were a total of 2911 starters.

Caveat: Injury report figures provided in the April – June 2023 report were based on a percentage formula. In this report and all reports to follow, these will be based on incidents per 1,000 starters formula.

Table 3. Total greyhound racing injuries as reported at Tasmanian race meetings from January to March 2025

Total Greyhound Injuries at Tasmanian Race Meetings January to March 2025			
Injury Category	Incapacitation Period	Number of Incidents	Incidents per 1,000 Starters (2973 for period)
Category A (G)	Nil	7	2.40
Category B (G)	1 to 10 days	29	9.96
Category C (G)	11 to 21 days	20	6.87
Category D (G)	22 to 28 days	3	1.03
Category D (F)	29 days & over	11	3.78
Category E (F)	Deceased or Euthanised	0	0.00
Total Injuries		63	21.64

5. Reported greyhound racing-related deaths from January to March 2025

Racing fatalities are defined as deaths that occur because of injuries and/or incidents during or immediately following a race (on track). These include injuries that resulted in the euthanasia of greyhounds at a race meeting. The data does not include euthanasia that may occur subsequent to race meetings when further diagnostic advice or treatment is sought.

Table 4. Greyhound euthanised at Tasmanian racetracks from January to March 2025.

Injuries are as described in the on-track veterinarians' and/or stewards' reports.

Greyhound Euthanised at Tasmania Racetracks January to March 2025	
Injury	Count
NIL	0

6. Reported injuries by racetrack.

Table 5. Number of greyhound race starts and all injuries at Tasmanian tracks from January to March 2025

Track	Track Surface	Starters	Total Injury Incidents	Total Injury Incidents per 1,000 Starters	Deceased / Euthanised	Deceased / Euthanised per 1,000 Starters
Launceston	Sand	1025	17	16.59	0	0
Hobart	Sand	1004	25	24.90	0	0
NW @ Launceston	Sand	375	16	42.67	0	0
NW @ Hobart	Sand	507	12	23.67	0	0
Total – All Tracks		2911	70	24.05	0	0

7. Greyhounds reported as retired, deceased, or euthanised during January to March 2025

Greyhounds that are retired from racing, rehomed, or euthanised are recorded in the OzChase database. These notifications are self-reported by owners to the TIU. The last registered owner of the greyhound must submit a notification of retirement, death or euthanasia as specified by Greyhounds Australasia Rule 22.

Caveats

- Reports of retirements from *OzChase* may vary over time for the same data set due to late lodgment of retirement notifications.
- Data for greyhounds retired to adoption programs other than the GAP are currently not available unless provided by owners in the greyhound's retirement notification.

Table 6. Greyhound mortality notifications from January to March 2025 including data contained in Table 5, as reported to the TIU by owners. The data in this section is categorised based on the information provided to the TIU by participants.

Category	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Total	%
Deceased accidental causes	0	0	1	1	8%
Deceased illness or age	2	1	0	3	25%
Deceased natural causes	0	0	1	1	8%
Deceased – track injury *	0	0	0	0	0%
Deceased within 14 days after track injury	0	0	0	0	0%
Euthanised at track due to injury	0	0	0	0	0%
Euthanised due to illness or age	1	1	1	3	25%
Euthanised due to injury**	2	1	1	4	33%
Euthanised due to not suitable for racing	0	0	0	0	0%
Euthanised due to not suitable for rehoming	0	0	0	0	0%
Total deceased or euthanized	0	0	0	0	0%

Table 7. Greyhound retirement notifications from January to March 2025 as reported to the TIU by owners.

Category	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	Total	%
Retired for breeding	0	0	0	0	0%
Retired to owner	3	0	4	7	17%
Retired to trainer	0	0	0	0	0%
Retired as a pet to a third party	8	3	7	18	44%
Retired to Tasracing GAP	7	4	4	15	37%
Retired to other adoption program	0	0	0	0	0%
Surrendered to other agency	1	0	0	1	2%
Other	0	0	0	0	0%
Total retired	19	7	15	41	100