

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

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Section 22 of the *Animal Welfare Act 1992* provides that the Minister may approve codes of practice relating to animal welfare.

The Code of Practice for the Welfare of Greyhounds was prepared by a joint working party of the Animal Welfare Advisory Committee together with representatives of the Canberra Greyhound Racing Club Inc, Canberra Kennel Association, Animal Liberation, and the Australian Veterinary Association.

The ACT Animal Welfare Advisory Committee endorsed the Code of Practice for adoption in the ACT in May 1995.

The provisions of the Code are detailed in the Attachment.

The purpose of the Code is to specify the requirements for the welfare of greyhounds within the Australian Capital Territory.

The Code details the minimum standards of accommodation, management and care that are appropriate to the greyhound. The overriding theme of the Code is that the well being of the greyhound must at all times be considered above the demands of owners, breeders, trainers, sponsors, officials or spectators.

Section 2 details the general housing and care of greyhounds

Section 3 outlines the nutritional requirements of greyhounds and appropriate standards for feeding practices.

Section 4 specifies that appropriate exercise must be provided.

Section 5 provides requirements in relation to health and injuries.

Section 6 describes appropriate methods of transport for racing greyhounds.

Section 7 deals with the particular situation of greyhounds at the race track.

Section 8 discusses options for the disposal of unwanted greyhounds.