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Specification for greyhound trainers' residential kennels



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# Foreword

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# Introduction

This PAS has been sponsored by the Greyhound Board of Great Britain (GBGB) and developed in conjunction with BSI to cover the requirements for the residential kennelling of racing greyhounds in Great Britain. The Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations 2010 [1] define a race as “the competing of running greyhounds at premises where facilities for betting are being provided in relation to that activity either at those premises or elsewhere”. This PAS is intended for greyhound trainers’ residential kennels that house more than two racing greyhounds, however, it may be used as guidance for greyhound trainers’ residential kennels that house two or fewer greyhounds.

A greyhound trainers’ residential kennel is defined as a place where a greyhound permanently resides. Kennels at racecourses designed specifically as temporary kennelling prior to a greyhound taking part in a race are regulated by the Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations 2010 [1].

It is intended that this PAS be applicable to all codes of greyhound racing, whether licensed by the local authority or by a regulatory body responsible for issuing licenses and accredited by the United Kingdom Accreditation Service (UKAS). It is not, however, a legal requirement nor does it displace the obligations set out in animal welfare legislation such as the Animal Welfare Act 2006 [2], and the welfare of animals in transport regulated by Council Regulation (EC) 1/2005 [3]. Furthermore, this PAS does not displace any additional requirements set by a licensing authority, or any future legislation specific to greyhound racing or animal welfare in general.

This is a stand-alone document which aims to provide a consensus-based specification for residential racing greyhound kennels based upon good practice and the collaborative experience of animal welfare organizations, veterinarians, government and industry specialists. The main objective of this PAS is to provide a kennel standard that supports good welfare practice when used in combination with welfare compatible and appropriate management. Attention is drawn to GBGB’s *Code of Practice for Trainers and Owners*<sup>1)</sup> [4], and other related documentation for supplementary information. It is a specification that is intended to be both realistic and achievable for trainers of greyhounds, whilst being measurable and auditable if used as a basis of a certification or an inspection scheme.

The background to the development of this PAS follows a recommendation from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) in September 2016 following a government review of statutory legislation specific to greyhound racing.

This PAS is not intended for other breeds of dogs, nor is it intended to apply to kennels that only accommodate greyhounds that are retired from racing, such as a greyhound re-homing organization. Commercial greyhound breeding establishments fall outside the scope of this PAS.

When a combination of racing and retired greyhounds are accommodated within greyhound trainers’ residential kennels then the requirements of this PAS apply to both.

<sup>1)</sup> In preparation.

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# 1 Scope

This PAS specifies requirements for greyhound trainers' residential kennels.

**NOTE** Attention is drawn to the legal requirements relating to the planning and construction of a greyhound trainers' residential kennels.

It covers requirements for:

- a) building construction;
- b) unit sizes;
- c) lighting and ventilation;
- d) unit and kennel interiors;
- e) flooring;
- f) drainage;
- g) bedding;
- h) electrical appliances;
- i) exercise;
- j) diet;
- k) environmental enrichment;
- l) monitoring behaviour, health and welfare;
- m) handling and training;
- n) identification of greyhounds;
- o) veterinary healthcare;
- p) isolation facilities;
- q) vaccinations;
- r) waste removal;
- s) cleaning and disinfectant;
- t) emergency precautions;
- u) kennel security;
- v) food preparation and storage; and
- w) utilities – electric lighting, working telephone and access to water.

It does not cover:

- 1) greyhound track kennels;
- 2) kennels for greyhounds under 15 months old;

**NOTE** Greyhounds that are deemed puppies and/or are an age whereby they are ineligible to race are covered by this PAS if they are kept in greyhound trainers' residential kennels.

- 3) kennels for retired greyhounds; and

**NOTE** Retired greyhounds kept in greyhound trainers' residential kennels fall within the scope of this PAS, however, kennels used exclusively for keeping retired greyhounds, including kennels used as a facility for rehoming retired greyhounds, are outside the scope of this PAS.

- 4) transportation of greyhounds.

This PAS is for use by trainers of greyhounds for racing.

This PAS does not cover other breeds of dogs that are used for the purposes of racing.

