

2022 Freedom of Information Requests

Disclosure Log 2022 List of Non-Personal Freedom of Information Requests			
FOI No.	Request As Submitted	Decision	Date of Decision
FOIRCE05012022/01	- Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: a copy of the business case, brief, design proposal, sanction, or approval document associated with development of the code referenced in the following newspaper article: https://www.limerickpost.ie/2021/11/19/greyhound-racing-irelands-new-code-of-practice-an-absolute-priority/	Part Release	01/02/22
FOIRCE04012022/02	The list of GRI Welfare supports does not include Animal Haven Ireland. Crag Castleisland Co Kerry. (They were previously called AHAR Animal Heaven Animal Rescue) they are one of the same. There is one on the list that comes under S37 as personal information but that cannot apply to AHI as they are a Charity, under the rescue management of Suzanne Gibbons. They have written on their Facebook page in November 2021 that they have been accepted for a grant by the Irish Greyhound Board now I believe Bord na glon Funding. Is that correct? On another post they state they have been inspected by an official of the same board and accepted dated Sept 2017. Is that correct? 1. A copy of the INSPECTION report 2. A copy of the acceptance form given to AHI for financial assistance by the officer who made the inspection. If that is not permitted then clarification that the information given by AHI is accurate that they have been inspected and accepted and in receipt of a grant?	Part Released	31/01/22
FOIRCE04022022/03	Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following: - copies of all correspondence between GRI and RTÉ with regard to the televising of live greyhound racing events. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2020 to date of receipt of the request. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.	Part Released	28/02/22
FOIRCE03032022/05	“With this in mind, we have submitted these specific questions with the information being sought under the Freedom of Information Acts.	Part Release	01/04/22

	<p>1. Is the code of practice a statutory regulation which needs to be adhered to by those in the industry or is it a voluntary recommendation for them?</p> <p>2. Will the reopening of Lifford Greyhound Stadium mean the number of greyhound tracks in Ireland licenced by the GRI increase to 15, from the 14 number stated on the GRI website?</p> <p>3. In the last two years, what has GRI done to improve welfare of greyhounds in the racing industry? Please provide data to back up each one of these statements.</p> <p><u>Funding</u></p> <p>We understand the greyhound industry receives money from the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund.</p> <p>4. Where does the money in the fund come from?</p> <p>5. Who decides how much money is put in the Fund and what decision-making process is used to make this decision?</p> <p>6. Who decides where the money in the Fund goes, who decides who it is allocated to and who decides for what purpose it is used?</p> <p>7. In what manner is the fund distributed across the receiving parties?</p> <p>8. How many individuals is the fund spread across once distributed?</p> <p>9. Does GRI receive all of the money in the fund or does the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine split this across different bodies?</p> <p>10. Please provide a breakdown of where the money from the fund was used and what proportion went to each across the last 5 years (2016 – 2021) (e.g welfare, track maintenance, prize money)</p> <p><u>RCÉTS</u></p> <p>11. Has the RCÉTS system been successful in increasing traceability of greyhounds in Ireland?</p> <p>12. Do all greyhound owners have to use the RCÉTS system, what sanctions are imposed if they do not?</p> <p>13. Do all greyhounds need to be registered once they reach 12 weeks?</p> <p>14. If a greyhound is later sold to the British market is this tracked on the system</p> <p>Northern Ireland:</p> <p>15. We understand there are two tracks in NI, Drumbo Park Greyhound Stadium, in Lisburn, and Brandywell track in Derry/LondonDerry. Do they fall under GRI regulations?</p> <p>16. We understand that Drumbo and Brandywell use the GRI race management system and adhere to their rules of racing and welfare, but they do not receive any prize money funding from GRI. Is this correct?"</p>		
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FOIRCE25022022/06	<p>- a copy of any investigation report held by GRI associated with the seizure of twelve greyhounds at Dublin Port in 2019 (as reference in the following tweet: The DSPCA are housing and caring for 12 Greyhounds which were seized by the Revenue Customs Service in Dublin Port over the weekend. I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.</p>	Part Released	25/03/22
FOIRCE21022022/07	<p>"- Number of messages/emails in 2021 to the confidential care line, - records of the staffing levels associated with welfare officers tasked with dealing with these messages, - all records associated with the budgetary requirements of the confidential care line in 2021"</p> <p>These records should include emails, WhatsApp message, text messages and any other relevant communications.</p> <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, preferably in its original formatting</p>	Part Released	23/03/22
FOIRCE17032022/08	<p>"I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2014. I would be interested in any information held by your Organisation regarding my request. I understand that I do not have to specify particular files or documents and it is the responsibility of your Department to provide the information that I require.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How many investigations has GRI undertaken in the last 12 months? 2. How many instances of mistreatment has GRI uncovered? 3. Which geographical regions specifically are the worst for Greyhound mistreatment? 4. In which areas in Ireland have GRI conducted investigations? 5. Has GRI approached any veterinary surgeries during their investigations in the last 12 months? If yes, how many? If yes, please provide details of the Practice/s 6. How many reports of abuse are the GRI receiving from the public? 7. From those reports, how many are investigated by GRI? 8. How many reports of abuse have accompanying photos of the wounds/damage to Greyhounds? 9. How many owners have been suspended following reports of abuse and follow-up investigations? 10. What public reporting mechanism does GRI have to conform with transparency requests? 11. What is the maximum disqualification GRI has imposed? 12. How many times has GRI imposed this penalty? 	Part Released	04/05/22

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	13. Do GRI use any independent inspectors?		
FOIRCE30032022/09	<p>“Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The number of individual greyhound pups born in Ireland during the period 01 January 2021 to 30 June 2021. - The number of pups born during the period 01 January 2021 to 31 December 2021. - A breakdown of the above data to indicate how many of the pups were for coursing and how many were for greyhound racing. - The number of litters born in each of the two above periods. <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format”</p>	Part Released	27/04/22
FOIRCE06042022/10	<p>Q1. Number of IT devices in your organisation (Please differentiate the devices, for e.g., desktops, laptops, servers, etc).</p> <p>Q2 Is your organisation planning to procure IT devices in any FY period starting from 2022 till the end of 2025. If yes, please list out the devices and their spend or budget (allocated/indicative) along with a mention of the specific financial year.</p> <p>Q3 Is your organisation planning to procure any IT Software applications. If yes, can you please list out the names of software applications and their spend or the month/year of procurement.</p>	Part Released	27/04/22
FOIRCE03052022/11	<p>Under the FOI Act 2014, I am seeking the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - copies of any records held referring or relating to the higher rate of death among greyhounds at racetracks in 2021. This request to cover the period 1 Jan 2022 to date of receipt of the request. <p>I would prefer to receive this information electronically, ideally in its original electronic format.</p>	Part Released	30/05/22
FOIRCE15062022/12	<p>I refer to the report by Jim Power Economics titled “The Economic and Financial Significance of the Irish Greyhound Industry July 2021” available here: https://www.grireland.ie/globalassets/report-pdfs/jim-power-2021/the-economic--financial-significance-of-the-irish-greyhound-industry-jim-power-report-july-2021-gri.pdf</p>	Part Released	10/08/22
FOIRCE12072022/13	<p>I wish to request, under the Freedom of Information Act, access to digital documents of the board of Rasaoicht Con Eireann since 2018. https://governanceireland.ie/external-board-evaluation-state-bodies/</p>	Part Released	09/08/22
FOIRCE01082022/14	<p>copies of any correspondence between the former CEO of GRI with either the Minister of Agriculture or the Sec Gen of the Department of Agriculture in the period 1 May 2021 to the date of his departure from GRI. This request should include electronic, written, or mobile text records.</p>	Records Do Not Exist	10/08/22

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FOIRCE03082022/15	- A copy of all GRI board meeting minutes for all meetings held between May 25 2022 and the current date	Part Released	18/08/22
FOIRCE09092022/16	- A copy of all GRI board meeting minutes for all meetings held between July 1, 2022 and the current date	Part Released	03/10/22
FOIRCE29082022/17	- Copies of any records held referring or relating to the cessation of funding by GRI to the Irish Greyhounds to America programme.	Part Released	10/10/22
FOIRCE26092022/18	1) The number of persons that used Restaurant Facilities at Shelbourne Park to date in 2022 2) The amount of revenue generated through sales via Restaurant Facilities at Shelbourne Park to date in 2022	Part Released	24/10/22
FOIRCE29092022/19	All inspection reports carried out by Irish Coursing Club authorised officers on licensed insemination centres for the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021	Part Released	27/10/22
FOIRCE04102022/20	1) a copy of the resignation letter of Dearbhla O'Brien. 2) a copy of any correspondence between Ms O'Brien and GRI's parent department with regard to her decision to leave her post. 3) a copy of any correspondence between Ms O'Brien and the board, or any of its board members, with regard to her decision to step down.	1) Full Release 2) & 3) Records Do Not Exist	18/10/22
FORRCE30112022/21	- copies of any records held referring or relating to anti-social behaviour and other issues arising from a student event at Shelbourne Park (for avoidance of doubt, it is the event referenced in the following article: https://www.dublinlive.ie/news/dublin-news/residents-slam-absolute-disgrace-student-25555867).	Part Released	05/01/23