

Bord na gCon launches Booklet for Animal Remedies and Veterinary Treatments

As outlined in the Second phase of our public consultation on regulatory reform Bord na gCon recognised the importance of implementing the highest standards of integrity and compliance controls in all aspects of its regulatory structure and we have been making significant progress in implementation of these regulatory proposals on foot of the opinions of interested industry participants.

One of the regulatory proposals sought was a new regulation to implement a duty to keep records of all medication administered to a greyhound and the purchasing traceability of such medicines. This proposal has now been implemented through legislation and distribution of these records has taken place at all stadia by our Integrity and Welfare Officials. These records must be available for inspection or production when required. The implementation of such a record will have significant benefits in the areas of integrity, intelligence, education and welfare for all industry stakeholders and the regulatory authority. Please note below link to these new legislative provision and summary of what the record will entail. The booklets are now available for collection at your local track, we kindly request that all industry participants contact their racing office for collection and sign off.

<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/eli/2016/si/440/made/en/print>

A person who is eligible to keep a greyhound for entry into racing shall-

(i) maintain a record (in these Regulations referred to as “the record”) of all animal remedies administered to the greyhound, or treatment provided by a veterinary practitioner to the greyhound, such record to be made within 24 hours of the administration or treatment and to be maintained thereafter for a period of not less than one year.

(ii) On the request of an Authorised Officer the record must be made available by an owner or trainer of any greyhound entering a race or presenting a greyhound at the track for inspection by such Officer.

(m) Each record must contain at least the following information:

(i) name, greyhound tattoo and microchip identification code of the greyhound as contained in the Identity Card of the Irish Greyhound Studbook;

(ii) (I) name of the animal remedy as authorised in accordance with the European Communities (Animal Remedies) (No. 2) Regulations 2007 (S.I. No. 786 of 2007), or

(II) nature of the treatment provided by a veterinary practitioner where no animal remedy was administered;

(iii) date of treatment provided by a veterinary practitioner or the administration of an animal remedy;

(iv) route and dosage per day quantity of the administration of the animal remedy;

(v) name of the person administering the treatment or animal remedy;

(vi) where appropriate, name and registration details of the person authorising or prescribing the animal remedy or treatment provided by a veterinary practitioner.”

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