



New South Wales

Companion Animals Amendment (Greyhound Identification) Regulation 2011

under the

Companion Animals Act 1998

The Administrator, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

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Explanatory note

Currently, a greyhound that is registered in accordance with the rules under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* is exempt from identification (ie microchipping) and registration requirements under the *Companion Animals Act 1998* (**the CA Act**).

The object of this Regulation is to make it clear that such a greyhound remains exempt from the identification requirements of the CA Act even if it is implanted with a microchip on a voluntary basis.

This Regulation also provides that a greyhound that ceases to be registered in accordance with the rules under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*, and that was implanted with a microchip on a voluntary basis before ceasing to be registered under those rules, is taken to have been identified for the purposes of the CA Act and, therefore, may be immediately registered under the CA Act.

This Regulation is made under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, including section 70 (1) and section 96 (the general regulation-making power).

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1 Name of Regulation

This Regulation is the *Companion Animals Amendment (Greyhound Identification) Regulation 2011*.

2 Commencement

This Regulation commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Amendment of Companion Animals Regulation 2008

(1) Clause 4 Categories of identified companion animals

Insert “(other than greyhounds registered in accordance with the rules made in relation to greyhound racing under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*)” after “being companion animals” in clause 4 (1) (b).

(2) Clause 4 (1) (e)

Insert after clause 4 (1) (d):

- (e) ***category 5 companion animals***, being greyhounds identified on a voluntary basis by the implantation of a microchip that are, or have been, registered in accordance with the rules made in relation to greyhound racing under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009*.

Note. A greyhound registered in accordance with the rules made in relation to greyhound racing under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2009* is exempt from the identification and registration requirements under the Act—see clauses 12 (1) and 16 (g).

(3) Clauses 4 (2) and 30 (3)

Omit “or category 4” wherever occurring.

Insert instead “, category 4 or category 5”.