



New South Wales

Companion Animals Amendment (Greyhound Muzzling Exemption) Regulation 2011

under the

Companion Animals Act 1998

Her Excellency the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, has made the following Regulation under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*.

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Minister for Local Government

Explanatory note

The object of this Regulation is to provide for an exemption from the current requirement that a greyhound must wear a muzzle in certain circumstances (for example, when it is in a public place). The exemption applies to any greyhound that has successfully completed a greyhound re-training program that has been approved by the Director-General of the Department of Premier and Cabinet, but only if it wears an approved collar when it is in a public place.

This Regulation is made under the *Companion Animals Act 1998*, including sections 15 and 96 (the general regulation-making power).

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Clause 1

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1 Name of Regulation

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

2 Commencement

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

Schedule 1 Amendment of Companion Animals Regulation 2008

Clause 33B

Insert after clause 33A:

33B Exemption from muzzling for certain greyhounds

- (1) A greyhound is exempt from the requirement under section 15 of the Act to have a muzzle securely fixed on its mouth if:
 - (a) the greyhound has successfully completed an approved greyhound re-training program, and
 - (b) the greyhound wears an approved collar when it is in a public place.
- (2) The exemption does not apply to a greyhound that is a dangerous dog or a restricted dog.
- (3) In this clause:

approved collar means a collar of a kind approved by the Director-General for the purposes of this clause.

approved greyhound re-training program means a program that is approved by the Director-General, for the purposes of this clause, by order published in the Gazette.

Note. A greyhound that has been granted an exemption under this clause must continue to comply with all other relevant requirements of the Act and this Regulation. For example, a greyhound that is in a public place must be under the effective control of some competent person by means of an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to it and that is being held by (or secured to) the person: see section 13 of the Act.