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## Domestic Animals Act 1994

### ORDER EXEMPTING NON-RACING GREYHOUNDS FROM THE OPERATION OF SECTION 27(1)(a)

#### Order in Council

The Governor in Council under section 5 of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**, makes the following Order:

#### 1 Objectives

The objectives of this Order are –

- (a) to exempt the class of animals, being non-racing greyhounds, from the requirement to be muzzled when outside the premises of their owners; and
- (b) to revoke an existing Order exempting greyhounds registered under the Greyhound Adoption Program from the requirement to be muzzled when outside the premises of their owners.

#### 2 Authorising provision

This Order is made under section 5 of the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**.

#### 3 Commencement

This Order takes effect on 1 January 2019.

#### 4 Revocation

The Order entitled *Order exempting greyhounds registered under the Greyhound Adoption Program from operation of section 27(1)(a)* made on 15 March 2011 and published in Government Gazette G 11 on 17 March 2011, pages 637 and 638, is **revoked**.

#### 5 Definitions

*the Act* means the **Domestic Animals Act 1994**.

*non-racing greyhound* means a greyhound that –

- (a) is kept in the community as a pet by any person; and
- (b) is no longer registered as a racing or breeding greyhound with Greyhound Racing Victoria.

#### 6 Exemption

A non-racing greyhound is exempt from the application of section 27(1)(a) of the Act.

#### 7 Non-application of exemption

The exemption in clause 6 does not apply to any non-racing greyhound that has been declared under the Act as menacing or dangerous in any Victorian municipality.

#### Notes:

1. Section 27(1)(b) of the Act provides that a greyhound which is outside the premises of its owner must be under the effective control of some person by means of a chain, cord or leash. This applies to Council off-leash areas. Non-compliance attracts a penalty of not more than 3 penalty units and 5 penalty units for a second or subsequent offence.
2. Section 10(1) of the Act requires any pet dog or cat over 3 months of age to be registered with the Council in which it is kept.
3. This exemption does not preclude a greyhound owner from muzzling their non-racing greyhound when it is outside their premises if they wish to do so.

Dated 21 August 2018

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