



# Greyhounds

The *Dog Act 1976* has recently been amended to enable appropriately retired racing greyhounds to return to the community as pets without having to wear a muzzle.

## I own a greyhound. What do the amendments mean for me and my dog?

An amendment to the *Dog Act 1976* introduces a provision that will enable greyhounds that have undertaken a specific training course to be exempt from wearing a muzzle in public.

Exempt greyhounds will be granted a 'green collar status' and issued a green collar similar to the one below:



All other greyhounds must still wear a muzzle when in a public place.

## How do I get a green collar for my greyhound?

The *Dog Regulations 2013* prescribe that Greyhounds as Pets (WA) are a training organisation for the purposes of exempting a greyhound from wearing a muzzle.

If you adopt a greyhound through Greyhounds as Pets at any point after the law has taken effect, you may be issued with a green collar and identification card which proves your greyhound does not need to be muzzled in public.

## I didn't adopt my greyhound from Greyhounds as Pets (WA), but it is well trained and I believe it should be issued with a green collar.

Greyhounds as Pets (WA) are able to conduct an assessment of your greyhound to determine if it can be awarded a green collar. A fee will be payable.

You cannot obtain the required green collar from any other organisation.

For more information on the assessment process, please contact:

Greyhounds as Pets on (08) 9458 4600  
or via email [gap@greyhoundswa.com.au](mailto:gap@greyhoundswa.com.au)



## Greyhounds Fact Sheet:

Important information on how the dog laws affect you.



### **I adopted my greyhound from Greyhounds as Pets before the new laws took effect. Can I still obtain a green collar for my dog?**

Greyhounds as Pets (WA) may issue green collars to dogs they have trained if they are confident the dog is still satisfactorily trained.

Please contact Greyhounds as Pets (WA) for further information.

### **My dog has a green collar. Does that mean it can also be off lead in dog parks?**

Once a dog has been issued with a green collar, it means that the dog does not have to be muzzled in public. However, the dog must still be on a leash at all times when it is in a public place, including in dog parks.