



Ahead of the introduction of the *Welfare of Racing Greyhounds Regulations* on April 5<sup>th</sup> 2010, GBGB has modified its requirements for greyhounds wishing to race or trial on its tracks as international entries.

From 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010, an international entry will only be permitted to race or trial if the greyhound has first been microchipped and registered on the GBGB Registry database.

Please note that greyhounds participating in sales trials on GBGB tracks are exempt from the regulations and are not required to be microchipped or registered in advance.

There is no charge for an international entry registration. However, the following information must be provided to GBGB not less than five working days prior to the closing date of the intended race/competition and not less than five working days prior to participation in a trial:

- Name and address and contact telephone number of owner (or owners if in joint ownership)
- Proof of address for the owner/s (copy of utility or telephone bill)
- Proof of date of birth of the owner/s (copy of passport or driving licence)
- Name and address of trainer
- Name, address and date of birth of any trainer assistants/kennel hands
- Name of greyhound and identification (markings and form lines)
- Certificate of microchipping, to include microchip barcode or full microchip number. The microchip must comply with either ISO standard 11784:1996 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785:1996 of the ISO's standards for microchips.
- Name of competition/race/trial that greyhound will be competing in
- Place of kennelling in Britain and name of GBGB trainer licensed to kennels
- Up to date veterinary certificate of inoculation
- Special authority from the Irish Greyhound Board

**For more information, please contact the GBGB Registry Department on 020 7421 3770**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### FREE FIRST CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP FOR EIGHT WEEKS FROM REGISTRATION

At its most recent meeting the GBGB Board discussed how the requirements to have all greyhounds registered and microchipped ahead of their first trial were placing an additional administrative and cost burden on owners and trainers – and one which was to some extent unavoidable given the new greyhound racing-specific laws being introduced as Secondary Legislation to the Animal Welfare Act.

Following a recommendation by the Microchipping Executive Committee, which is chaired by GBGB Welfare Manager Peter Laurie and includes representation from the GTA and Promoters Association, the GBGB Board has agreed to waive its Transfer of Ownership Fee for the first transfer of ownership of newly registered dogs. This reflects the understanding that many dogs will need to be registered by their trainers (in order to participate in qualifying trials) before being sold onto new owners – creating a new, extra transfer of ownership which would not have been previously required. The GBGB has decided to waive that fee for the first transfer of ownership providing that this takes place within 56 days of the date of registration.

Please note that this does not affect fees payable to transfer ownership in the relevant Stud Book.

## RULE AMENDMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL ENTRIES – ADVANCE NOTICE

As you may be aware, the recent amendments to the Rules of Racing which required all dogs to be registered and microchipped before their first trial – in order to comply with the Animal Welfare Act from 6th April 2010 – did not extend to International Entries under Rules 41 and 83. This was because at the time these changes were introduced it remained unclear as to whether international entrants might be exempt from the new laws.

It has recently been confirmed that international runners, including from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, WILL be required to be registered and microchipped before being allowed to race or trial on a GBGB-licensed racecourse. Accordingly Rule 41 will be amended to read:

### ***Rule 41 Identification of International Entry***

*An International Entry for an Open Race shall be registered and shall be identified with the Irish Identity Card or other appropriate document(s) and an identifiable microchip, issued and recorded by a recognised Greyhound Authority.*

This change will be implemented on 1st March 2010 and printed in the next Calendar.