

## **Annex A – Summary of Questions**

### **Proposal for minimum standards and a licensing scheme (page 10)**

Q1. Do you agree with introducing regulations setting minimum animal welfare standards for all tracks in England, or could this be achieved through a non-regulatory solution?

Q2. Subject to the exemption for tracks belonging to a body that has obtained UKAS accreditation - do you agree that there should be a licensing scheme for greyhound tracks in England?

### **Exemption for tracks belonging to a UKAS accredited organisation (page 10)**

Q3. Do you agree that if a body applies, at a minimum, those standards required under these regulations at the tracks which it regulates and is accredited by UKAS then any tracks that are affiliated to it should be exempt from the proposed licensing scheme?

### **Definitions of racing and trialing (page 11)**

Q4. Do you agree that these licensing conditions should only apply where greyhounds are being raced or trialed?

Q5. Are the definitions of racing and trialing appropriate?

### **Minimum standards / Licensing conditions**

#### **Condition 1: Attendance of a veterinary surgeon (page 11)**

Q6. Do you agree that there should be a veterinarian present at all race meetings and trials?

Q7. Do you agree that the veterinarian does not need any specialist qualifications/training other than being a RCVS registered practicing vet?

Q8. Is the list of desirable qualifications/additional training contained in the draft guidance attached at Annex D suitable? Are there any other qualifications/training that would be desirable?

Q9. Do you agree that the veterinarian must examine each greyhound prior to a race or trial?

Q10. Do you agree that a register of veterinarian attendance must be kept at the track to demonstrate that a veterinarian has been in attendance and that this register must be kept for at least 3 years?

**Condition 2: Facilities for the attending veterinary surgeon** (page 12)

Q11. Do you agree that a veterinarian should have access to suitable facilities?

Q12. Are the facilities as described here and in Schedule 1 – paragraph 2 of the draft Statutory Instrument attached at Annex C suitable?

Q13. Should any permanent room be for the sole use of the veterinarian – including any time when a race or trial is not being undertaken? If you are replying on behalf of a greyhound track, would this require you to build such a room?

**Condition 3: Kennels** (page 13)

Q14. Do you agree that tracks should provide ventilated kennelling for at least 20% of greyhounds that race? If a different figure is required what evidence is there to support this figure?

Q15. Are the standards proposed here and in Schedule 1 – paragraph 3 of the draft Statutory Instrument attached at Annex C for kennels appropriate?

Q16. Should there be a 12 month interval before the requirement to provide kennels applies? If you are replying on behalf of a greyhound track, will this condition require you to build such kennels?

**Condition 4: Identification of greyhounds** (page 14)

Q17. Should identification by both microchip and tattoo be required or is microchipping alone sufficient?

Q18. Do you agree that only databases which reach the standards set in Schedule 1, Part 2 of the draft Statutory Instrument attached at Annex C are appropriate databases for racing greyhounds to be registered on?

Q19. Do you agree that track managers should be responsible for ensuring that only greyhounds that are appropriately identified and registered are racing or trialling at their track?

**Condition 5: Record of greyhounds racing** (page 15)

Q20. Are the details to be recorded – as described in paragraph 5 of Schedule 1 of the draft Statutory Instrument and above - appropriate? Are there any other details that should be recorded?

Q21. Do you agree that 5 years is an appropriate length of time for records to be kept?

Q22. Should both the owner and the trainer of a greyhound be required to produce identification the first time a greyhound runs at a track?

**Condition 6: Injury records** (page 15)

Q23. Do you agree that tracks should be required to keep injury records?

Q24. Are the details to be recorded – as described in paragraph 6 of Schedule 1 of the draft Statutory Instrument and above - appropriate? Are there any other details that should be recorded?

Q25. Do you agree that 10 years is an appropriate length of time for injury records to be kept?

### **Impact Assessment** (page 17)

Q26. Do you agree that the suggested costs and benefits set out in the Impact Assessment are a reasonable estimate of the likely costs and benefits? If not, can you provide evidence of what any likely costs and benefits should be?

Q27. Does the estimated cost of building a new set of kennels seem reasonable? If not, can you provide evidence of what any likely costs and benefits should be?

Q28. Does the estimated cost of a local authority licence seem reasonable? If not, can you provide evidence of what the likely costs would be?

### **Draft Statutory Instrument and guidance** (page 18)

Q29. Further to any questions on the draft Statutory Instrument already asked in this consultation, do you have any further comments on the draft Statutory Instrument attached at Annex C?

Q30. Do you have any comments on the draft guidance attached at Annex D? Is the guidance detailed enough or would it be helpful if the guidance provided a more detailed explanation of all the requirements contained in the regulations?