

Are you Prepared?

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No one goes to the track wanting any type of injury. However, are you prepared for when something goes wrong? Are you ready to face the worse type of scenario?

We all have plans for the flood or fire season. We even have back up plans when someone can't pick up the kids from school.

Do you have a plan for your dogs at the track?



Owner/Trainer Agreements

There are two types of agreements. One is lodged with RQ for the split of prizemoney payments. The second is an agreement that is lodged with QRIC which covers basic items such as veterinary costs and who's responsibility is it to meet that expense.

What is your recovery plan, or injury recovery plan?

This can also be covered within the QRIC agreement between the owner and trainer.

- Have you discussed where this recovery will take place?
- If the recovery is over a period of weeks, who will pay for the feeding/kennelling costs?
- Is this an injury that will result in a return to racing?
- Is this an end of career injury and what are the expectations?
- What is the acceptable limit to your situation?
- Where is your preferred veterinary location, including their hours of operation?
- Do you know what your immediate and accessible monetary funds are?

Race Meeting Injury Scheme (RMIS)

Have you had discussions with all interested parties about this scheme?

- This is a reimbursement scheme, with a single only payment.
- The injury eligibility list is limited.
- Any breaks that only require plaster and mild pain relief generally cost only hundreds of dollars, and anything under \$1000 is not eligible.
- Reimbursements of funds may vary. Some participants have experienced lengthy delays due to the documented recovery time frame's, while others have received quick turn arounds.
- All veterinary care must be done in the state of Queensland.
- Do you have the facilities and time management required for a complex recovery? Is the legal owner in a better position to provide this environment?

Injury on track requiring immediate care

- If a dog is injured during race 1, but you have an entrant in race 10, what options are available?
- If stewards demand immediate evacuation, who is responsible for your remaining dogs?
- What is your return travel time?
- Do you have immediate facilities until veterinary care can be provided?

Post career



What are the retirement options?

- Is the legal owner prepared to take full and immediate custody?
- Who is the agreed person to prepare and complete final retirement?
- The RMIS only gives priority access to the QLDGAP
 - Basic requirements are not wavered
 - Current C5 Vaccination required
 - Health report from a veterinarian, with no long-term health issue's.
 - Initial assessment pass, including lead training, small dog interaction behaviour's, smooth gait movement/posture, and general demeanour without signs of anxiety or exuberance.
 - Successful completion of the National Temperament Test, without any signs of high prey drive.
- If QLDGAP is unsuccessful what alternatives have been discussed?
- Where does the dog reside until rehoming options are available?

Please have that discussion

The QGBOTA encourages all participants to engage in this discussion with their circle of invested parties. Have a clearly defined set of outlines to prevent any rushed, or pressured, decisions made during an unexpected moment.