

Dear Raine Committee Members,

I wanted to clarify evidence that the GBGB gave to the Committee on Wednesday 26th April.

One of the actions contained within the GBGB's Welfare Strategy is to remove the option for greyhounds to retire from licensed racing and move to unlicensed racing or to race abroad. This action requires new retirement forms.

During the committee session we stated that no greyhounds had retired from regulated racing and gone on to unlicensed racing since the implementation of the new Welfare Strategy began. The new forms required are, however, are still in the process of being introduced and, therefore, I was incorrect to state this. Since the publication of the Strategy in May 2022, 21 greyhounds have retired from regulated racing and have gone into unlicensed racing.

Under the new form, which will universally be used across the sport within the next month, this will be precluded.

I apologise for any confusion this may have caused but I thought it was important to be wholly accountable and upfront with the committee.

As requested, copies of the old and new forms will be forwarded in the next few days.

Kind regards

Mark

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