

### **Notice to Owners & Trainers on the use of authorised Animal Remedies**

Owners and trainers of greyhounds are reminded that under the Animal Remedies Regulations only animal remedies (veterinary medicines) authorised by the Irish Health Products Regulatory Authority (HPRA) or by the European Medicines Agency (EMA) may be used in this State to treat canine animals (including greyhounds). Authorised animal remedies have undergone extensive testing to ensure that they are safe for both the person administering the medicine and for the animal, that they are effective for the purpose for which they are authorised, and that they are of a suitable quality. For animals this process also ensures that the administration to such animals is safe from an animal welfare perspective.

For these reasons it is prohibited to administer to greyhounds any medicines which are not authorised for use in canines but which are authorised for use in other animals (e.g. cattle) or for use in humans. An exception to this occurs in very limited circumstances – only where no authorised canine product exists and the use of an unauthorised product has been directed by a veterinary practitioner.

By way of example, the use of human anti-inflammatory products in a greyhound is prohibited, and no exception can arise as there are authorised canine anti-inflammatory products available for such purposes. The finding of a residue of a human anti-inflammatory product in a sample taken at racing or in training, no matter how small that residue is, is therefore evidence of a serious offence having been committed, and is an action likely to bring the sport into disrepute. Any such findings will be referred to the Control Committee and may be referred to the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

Full details can be found in the “Resource Centre” of the IGB Website at this link:  
<http://www.igb.ie/globalassets/resource-centre/animal-remedies-veterinary-medicines.pdf>

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