

# **TEXAS BRED INCENTIVE PROGRAM**

## **Texas Racing Commission** **TEXAS BRED GREYHOUND REGISTRY RULES**

### **Section 303.102 Greyhound Rules.**

#### **(a) Registration as a Texas-Bred Greyhound.**

- (1) Eligibility Requirements for Owner/Lessee. The owner or lessee of the dam at the time of whelping must have been a resident of Texas for the three-year period preceding the date the litter was whelped. If the dam has multiple owners, each owner must meet the requirements in this subdivision.
- (2) Eligibility Requirements. To be registered as a Texas-bred greyhound, a greyhound must have been whelped in Texas and remained domiciled in Texas for the first six months of life.
- (3) Registration Procedure.
  - (A) The owner or lessee of the dam at the time of whelping is responsible for registering a greyhound as Texas-bred.
  - (B) The owner or lessee must submit to the Texas Greyhound Association (“TGA”) the original “Litter Registration Acknowledgement” received from the National Greyhound Association (“NGA”), with a check or money order for the registration fee established by TGA.
  - (C) With the application for registration, the owner or lessee must file an affidavit with the TGA affirming that all litter applications submitted by the owner or lessee meet the registry requirements. The affidavit must include an agreement that if any of the greyhounds being registered are removed from Texas before six months of age, the owner or lessee will notify TGA no later than 10 days after the removal. On being notified that a registered greyhound has been removed from Texas before six months of age, TGA shall remove the greyhound from the registry.
  - (D) If the litter qualifies to be registered as Texas-bred greyhounds, the TGA will stamp the “Litter Registration Acknowledgement” as “Texas-bred” and return it to the sender. The TGA will notify the NGA of all litters registered as “Texas-bred”.
  - (E) On notice that a litter has been registered as “Texas Bred”, the NGA will stamp the “Certificate of Registration” of each affected greyhound as “Texas-bred”.
  - (F) A person who submits an application for registration knowing that the application contains false information is subject to discipline by the TGA Executive Committee, including suspension from the TGA.

#### **(b) Owners’ Awards.**

- (1) The owner of a registered Texas-bred greyhound that wins a pari-mutuel race in Texas is eligible to receive an owner’s award. For purposes of this subdivision, each elimination and final in a stakes race competition is considered a pari-mutuel race. A dead heat for the win position is considered a win for each greyhound involved in the dead heat.
- (2) TGA will pay owner’s awards no later than the last business day of each month. TGA will issue the check for each award to the person in whose name the Texas-bred greyhound is registered. To determine the amount of each award, the total amount of money received from the Commission for the Texas Bred Incentive Program for the preceding month, minus the statutorily permitted amount for administrative expenses, shall be divided by the number of pari-mutuel races won by registered Texas-bred greyhounds during the preceding month, plus five. The result is the amount of owner’s award to be paid for each registered Texas-bred greyhound that won a pari-mutuel race in Texas during the preceding month.

- (3) TGA shall make a reasonable effort to deliver all owner's awards. If after 12 months after issuing a check for an owner's award TGA is unsuccessful in delivering the check to the proper person, TGA shall void the check and add the unclaimed amount to the total amount to be distributed as owners' awards for the next month.
- (4) Each month, five owner's award shares will be retained to cover errors that may be made by TGA. A person who believes he or she is entitled to an owner's award must file a claim with TGA no later than 90 days after the end of the month during which the race on which the claim is based was conducted. On receipt of a claim for an owner's award, TGA shall determine whether the claim is valid. If the claim is valid, TGA shall immediately pay the owner's award. After the deadline for filing a claim, TGA shall add the remaining retained owner's award shares to the total amount to be distributed in the next month. If more than five valid claims are filed, TGA shall pay the sixth and subsequent claims from the owner's award shares retained from the next and subsequent months until all valid claims are paid.
- (5) An owner's award may not be paid for a greyhound that is disqualified from a race due to a positive drug test. On notice to TGA that a race's results are affected by a positive drug test, TGA shall retain any owner's award due to the winning greyhound until the Commission's disciplinary proceedings regarding the positive drug test are final and unappealable. If the greyhound's disqualification is overturned, the TGA shall pay the retained owner's award within 30 days of receiving notice of the final disposition of the proceeding. If the greyhound's disqualification is upheld, the amount of the retained owner's award shall be added to the total amount to be distributed as owner's awards for the month after the month in which TGA is notified of the final disposition of the proceeding.

## *Texas Bred Registry*

# LITTER ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGISTRATION FEES & FINES

Litter acknowledgment slip (blue slip) must be sent to the TGA office, accompanied with a check for \$10 – per litter, within 30 days of date on slip from NGA to avoid penalties. If not received by the TGA within 30 days, the following penalties will be incurred and a check for the correct amount should accompany the slip along with the initial \$10 registration fee.

<b>If received 31 – 60 days after NGA</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>
<b>If received 61 – 90 days after NGA</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>*After 91 days or more</b>	<b>\$ 100.00</b>

\*TGA Executive Policy #EP—5 –93 Texas Bred Registry Late Fines; Litters are not eligible for Texas Bred Registry after they reach one (1) year of age.