

491—7.5(99D) Trainers and assistant trainers.

7.5(1) A trainer shall prevent the administration of any drug, medication, or other prohibited substance that may cause a violation of commission rules. The trainer is responsible for the condition of a greyhound entered in an official race and, in the absence of substantial evidence to the contrary, is responsible for the presence of any prohibited drug, medication, or other substance, regardless of the acts of third parties. A positive test for a prohibited drug, medication, or substance, as reported by a commission-approved laboratory, is prima facie evidence of a violation of this rule or Iowa Code chapter 99D.

7.5(2) Other responsibilities. A trainer is responsible for:

a. Ensuring that the kennel and primary enclosures are cleaned and sanitized as may be necessary to reduce disease hazards and odors. Runs and exercise areas having gravel or other nonpermanent surface materials shall be sanitized by periodic removal of soiled materials, application of suitable disinfectants, and replacement with clean surface materials.

b. Ensuring that fire prevention rules are strictly observed in the assigned area.

c. Providing a list to the state steward(s) of the trainer's employees in any area under the jurisdiction of the commission. The list shall include each employee's name, occupation, social security number, and occupational license number. The commission shall be notified by the trainer, in writing, within 24 hours of any change.

d. Ensuring the proper identity, custody, care, health, condition, and safety of greyhounds in the trainer's charge.

e. Disclosure to the racing secretary of the true and entire ownership of each greyhound in the trainer's care, custody, or control. Any change in ownership shall be reported immediately to the racing secretary. The disclosure, together with all written agreements and affidavits setting out oral agreements pertaining to the ownership for or rights in and to a greyhound, shall be attached to the registration certificate for the greyhound and filed with the racing secretary.

f. Ensuring that greyhounds under the trainer's care have a completed Bertillion card on file with the paddock judge prior to being entered for official schooling or official races.

g. Ensuring that greyhounds under the trainer's care have not been trained using a live lure or live bait.

h. Using the services of those veterinarians licensed by the commission to attend greyhounds that are kenneled on facility premises. If necessary to remove a greyhound from facility premises for veterinary services, the trainer must provide, upon request, the records required in 7.14(4) "c."

i. Promptly reporting to the stewards and the commission veterinarian the serious illness of any greyhound in the trainer's charge.

j. Promptly reporting the death of any greyhound in the trainer's care on facility premises to the stewards, owner, and the commission veterinarian and complying with the rules on postmortem examination set forth in paragraph 7.3(3) "g."

k. Immediately reporting to the stewards and the commission veterinarian if the trainer knows, or has cause to believe, that a greyhound in the trainer's custody, care, or control has received any prohibited drugs or medication.

l. Having the trainer's greyhound at weigh-in promptly at the time appointed. If not, the greyhound may be scratched and the trainer may be subject to disciplinary action.

m. When a trainer is to be absent 24 hours or more from the kennel or premises where greyhounds are racing, the trainer shall provide a licensed trainer or assistant trainer to assume complete responsibility for all greyhounds under the trainer's care, and both shall sign a "trainer's responsibility form" which must be approved by the stewards.

7.5(3) *Assistant trainers.*

a. Upon the demonstration of a valid need, a trainer may employ an assistant trainer as approved by the stewards.

b. An assistant trainer may substitute for and shall assume the same duties, responsibilities, and restrictions as imposed on the licensed trainer. The trainer shall be jointly responsible for the assistant trainer's compliance with commission rules.