



AGRA Preservation of History Project

Collection Policy

1. Mission Statement

The Australian Greyhound Racing Association (AGRA) Preservation of History project aims to collect, preserve and display items of significant historical value, with a particular focus on Group races and Hall of Fame members.

2. The Collection

A national framework for collection, storage and display will be developed and implemented by each AGRA club. Initially the collection will focus on:

- Cups and trophies
- Leads
- Videos, especially those pre-dating 1980
- Other media, such as audio recordings, newspaper clippings, racebooks, form guides and photos
- Greyhound items such as weight cards, kennel tickets etc especially in relation to Hall of Fame members

3. Acquisition

Items will be collected through the following means:

A coordinated national campaign through the AGRA clubs, national greyhound media, and local media will be conducted in winter 2008. The campaign will call for the donation/loan of historical items, and will be complemented by directly targeting owners and trainers likely to have relevant items.

Items will be accepted either via donation or on loan, and will be stored at an AGRA club in the home state of the donator.

Items will only be added if their ownership can be verified.

4. Documentation

A donation form will accompany all items on their acceptance into the collection. Once accepted, details will be entered on a national register to assist in the compilation of a national greyhound racing historical database.

Details to be recorded include a general description of the piece and the current owner (for loaned items) or original owners (donated pieces). Photos of each item will also be taken, and copies made of items such as newspaper articles and photos.

A letter of acceptance/rejection will be sent to anyone offering to donate/loan an item.

5. Storage

Wherever possible, items will be stored in a secure, climate controlled environment at the relevant AGRA club.

Anyone directly handling items will be educated on the correct handling and storage techniques to ensure the item's preservation. Every effort will be made to ensure the item remains in the same (or better) condition as it arrives.

6. Display

Each AGRA club is responsible for their own display, however AGRA will develop uniform guidelines for such displays, covering the look and feel of the collection, and conditions in which they will be displayed.

7. Deaccessioning

Deaccessioning may occur when:

- The item requires greater care than the club can provide
- Space is required for other more relevant items
- The host club can no longer adequately care for the item
- The object is damaged beyond repair
- The object is stolen with no chance of return
- The owner of the items requests them back

Disposal of items may take the form of:

- Return to donor
- Donation to another museum/collection
- Destruction/recycling

8. Review

The policy will be reviewed annually by the AGRA clubs.



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