

EATING WORRIES

Occasionally a greyhound is unable to adapt to a new diet particularly if it is a radical change from its previous mix of dry food and/or meat. However, if the greyhound is a picky eater get its teeth and tonsils checked thoroughly as both can cause discomfort when eating.

If the greyhound is attempting to vomit after feeding then it may have swallowed a foreign body or may have a growth in its stomach or intestines.

Sprinkling a meal with grated cheese is often a good way to encourage a greyhound to eat its food. Ensure the food is also warmed up prior to feeding as very cold meat can discourage a greyhound from eating.

There are a number of tonics available which are based on B Complex vitamins that can be used to assist the appetite.

In years gone by, tonics containing caffeine were very popular to encourage the appetite but these are now very difficult to recommend in a greyhound that is racing on a regular basis because of the risk of contravening the Rules of Racing.