

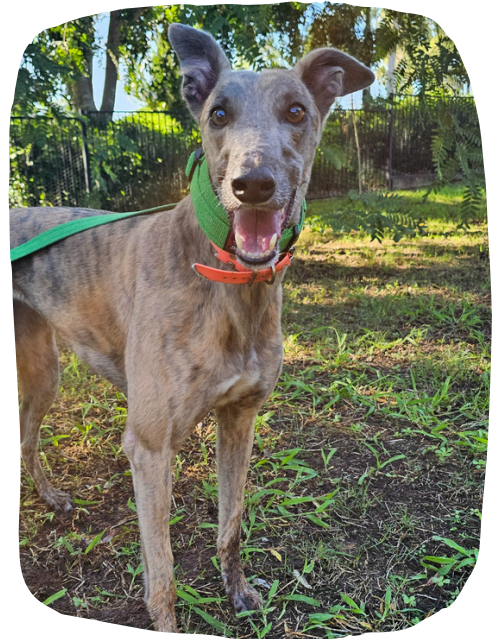
PROTECT YOUR DOG FROM SNAKE BITES

Greyhounds are naturally curious animals and at increased risk of snake bites. Snake bites can be hard to spot, your dog might not show pain, and bite marks may be invisible. Knowing the signs and acting fast can save your greyhound's life.

Recognise the signs of a snake bite

Watch for these symptoms, which can appear suddenly or develop over hours:

- Collapse followed by brief recovery
- Lethargy or weakness
- Muscle tremors, shaking, or reduced blinking
- Dilated pupils
- Sudden wobbliness or paralysis
- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- Irregular bleeding from the nose, mouth, or bite site
- Dark or bloody urine



What to do if your greyhound is bitten

- Stay calm and keep your greyhound as still and quiet as possible to slow venom spread.
- Call your vet immediately and inform them you are coming with a snake bite case, ask if they have anti-venom available.
- If safe, take a photo of the snake to help identify the species for treatment.
- If you know the bite location, apply a firm bandage above and below the site to restrict venom flow, but do not tourniquet.
- Remove collars or tight items if the bite is on the neck or face to allow for swelling.

Why greyhounds are more at risk

As sight hounds, greyhounds are highly attracted to movement and may chase snakes, increasing their risk of bites. Being vigilant during snake season is essential to protect them.

Preventing snake encounters at home

- Keep grass short and trim bushes to reduce snake hiding places.
- Remove leaf piles, debris, and woodpiles where snakes may shelter.
- Consider planting snake-repelling plants like marigold or lemongrass.
- Use natural repellents such as cinnamon or clove oil sprays around your yard.
- Install snake-proof fencing and seal gaps around sheds and decks.
- Eliminate standing water sources to discourage snakes.

Extra tips for snake season

- Keep your greyhound on leash during walks, especially in long grass or bushy areas.
- Bring your greyhound indoors to sleep during warmer months when snakes are most active.

Snake bites are a veterinary emergency. The sooner your greyhound receives professional care and anti-venom, the better their chances of survival. Survival rates can be as high as 80% with fast treatment.

Protect your greyhound by staying informed, prepared, and vigilant this snake season. **If you suspect a snake bite, don't wait, get your dog to a vet immediately!**

