



Irish Greyhound Board

VETERINARY DIRECTOR VACANCY

The Irish Greyhound Board (IGB,) also known as Bord na gCon, is the semi-state Body responsible for the control and development of the greyhound industry in the Ireland. As such it is the Regulatory Authority for greyhound racing in this State. Established by statute it is responsible for making legislation to ensure the integrity of greyhound racing, and for implementing such legislation. A Scientific Advisory Committee assists the IGB in these tasks by providing advice on issues relating to Doping and Medication Control. The IGB also has responsibilities for enforcement of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, 2011. In its discharge of these functions it is accountable to the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine and to Committees of the Oireachtas.

IGB now wishes to recruit a Veterinary Director to further develop and strengthen its integrity functions, particularly in the areas of doping and medication control and in the welfare of greyhounds. The person appointed will be based at IGB Head Office in Limerick and will report to the Chief Executive.

THE PERSON SELECTED WILL:

- Be a veterinarian eligible for registration with the Veterinary Council of Ireland.
- Have at least 5 years' experience in a regulatory environment and in the enforcement of legislation.
- Be familiar with legislation controlling the use of animal remedies in Ireland and its implementation.
- Be familiar with legislation controlling the feeding of Animal By Products (ABPs) to animals, in particular category 2 and 3 APBs, and its implementation.
- Be familiar with sampling regimes and the detection methods used for residues of pharmacologically active substances and their metabolites in various samples taken from animals.
- Have knowledge of animal health and welfare legislation, including the Welfare of Greyhounds Act, and methods of enforcement.
- Have excellent networking, communication and interpersonal skills with the ability to command respect and credibility.
- Have an organised approach to work and the ability to deal with practical matters in an objective and timely manner.
- As a member of the IGB Executive, be a team player with the ability to cooperate with this peer group.
- Candidates are advised that given the responsibility level of the role that age is not a barrier to a suitably qualified candidate

IN ADDITION:

- Knowledge of the Rules of Racing in the greyhound sector would be an advantage.
- Experience of greyhound veterinary practice would be an advantage.

THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE POSITION WILL INCLUDE:

- Generally
- Provision of advice on veterinary issues generally to the IGB.
- Participation in IGB interaction with stakeholders and representative bodies.
- Organisation of the preparation and delivery of education programmes for stakeholders in areas of relevance to the post.
- Management and supervision of staff assigned to the post.
- Where required, supervision and/or direction of veterinary practitioners employed at race tracks.
- In the area of doping and medication control:
- Developing the future strategy on doping and medication control in greyhound racing.
- Participating in and organising the work of the Scientific Advisory Committee, in co-operation with its Chairman.
- Cooperating with the National Greyhound Laboratory in Limerick in relation to the doping and medication functions of the IGB.
- Development and coordination of any research projects needed to underpin actions in the area of doping and medication control.
- Proposing to the Board, with the advice of the Scientific Advisory Committee, a list of controlled and prohibited substances, and the levels at which such substances in samples threaten the integrity of racing.
- Developing and implementing a testing programme both on and off course.
- Participating in the prosecution of disciplinary cases where infractions of the rules of racing relating to doping or medication control have been detected.
- Liaison with relevant government bodies, the Garda Síochána, Customs and Excise, the State Laboratories and agencies, and animal sports bodies both in Ireland and abroad.
- In the area of Animal Welfare:
- Provision of veterinary advice to the IGB on matters relating to the welfare of racing greyhounds.
- Veterinary input to the development and implementation of a welfare strategy for the Greyhound Industry.
- Participation in the work of the IGB as a regulator of greyhound welfare.

To apply, please email a detailed curriculum vitae and letter of application banner marked private and confidential by Friday, April 21st 2017 to email address: jim.odwyer@igb.ie or by post to Jim O'Dwyer Director of Human Resources, Irish Greyhound Board, Greenpark, Dock Road, Limerick

Please also ensure to follow up with IGB that your application has been received and acknowledged.