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## 'Greyhound Run-Around'

### Two hours of Power at the Port Elliot Dog Park

10 March 2020

Greyhound off-leash events are set to continue at the Port Elliot Dog Park following the hugely successful 'greyhound only' events in 2019.

Alexandrina Council has been granted a continued exemption by the Dog and Cat Management Board for the greyhound off-leash event to be held fortnightly from Sunday, 22 March between 9am-11am. The "Greyhound Run-Around" events are open to all greyhound dogs and their humans, and warmly welcome spectators or visitors.

The park will be closed to other dog breeds during the two hours of greyhound off-leash power. These events will allow greyhound owners to spend time together and enjoy watching their beloved dogs play and run freely, off-leash in the dog park, just like other breeds are allowed to do.

In South Australia, greyhounds are not ordinarily permitted to be exercised off-leash in a public place. These fine-tuned, leggy, giants are restricted to being walked on-leash only, restricting their natural instinct to stretch out and run freely. These events are a proud collaboration between Alexandrina Council, Friends of the Port Elliot Dog Park, Greyhound Racing SA Adoption Program and the Dog and Cat Management Board.

The new format commencing in March 2020 will be held fortnightly and has no booking requirement. With the increase to fortnightly events and the time period doubled to two (2) hours of greyhound racing power, it is anticipated the regularity of these events will enable attendance to be evenly spread-out and avoid overcrowding.

With this new flexibility, comes a wider window of opportunity for many more to attend and enjoy the bounding, leaping and inevitable flop to the ground of these quick to tire, long-legged furry friends. Council staff and volunteers from the Friends of The Port Elliott Dog Park will be on board at the events to assist with any questions and support. "Greyhound Run-around" events will limit the numbers of dogs to 20-30 greyhounds at any one time so that these hugely popular events can continue without incident.

Show your love for the greyhound dog breed by attending one of the fortnightly events at the Port Elliot Dog Park. Tell your friends!