

**491—7.4(99D) Lead-outs.**

**7.4(1)** A lead-out shall lead the greyhounds from the paddock to the starting box. Owners, trainers, or attendants will not be allowed to lead their own greyhounds.

**7.4(2)** Each lead-out will lead only one greyhound from the paddock to the starting box during official races. In official schooling races, no more than two greyhounds may be led from the paddock to the starting box by one lead-out.

**7.4(3)** Lead-outs must handle the greyhounds in a humane manner, put the assigned greyhound in its proper box before the race, and then retire to their designated post during the running of the race.

**7.4(4)** Lead-outs are prohibited from holding any conversation with the public or with one another en route to the starting box or while returning to the paddock.

**7.4(5)** Lead-outs shall be attired in clean uniforms, present a neat appearance, and conduct themselves in an orderly manner.

**7.4(6)** Lead-outs are prohibited from smoking, drinking beverages other than water, or eating unless on duly authorized breaks in a designated area.

**7.4(7)** Lead-outs shall not be permitted to have any interest in the greyhounds racing at the facility where they are assigned.

**7.4(8)** Lead-outs are prohibited from wagering on the result of any greyhound racing at the facility where they are assigned.

**7.4(9)** Lead-outs shall immediately report any infirmities or physical problems they observe in greyhounds under their care to the nearest racing official for communication to the commission veterinarian.

**7.4(10)** Lead-outs shall not remove racing blankets until the greyhounds are accepted by licensed kennel representatives at the conclusion of the race.

**7.4(11)** Lead-outs may assist the kennel master in the performance of the kennel master's duties.