



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 19 April 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Michael Hall, Steward Craig Easey
Name of relevant person:	Tania Trappett
Track:	Dubbo
Date:	1 December 2022
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mrs Tania Trappett presented the greyhound 'Panama Skies' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Gunnedah meeting on 1 December 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1000 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 17 January 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Panama Skies' at the Gunnedah meeting on 1 December 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Metformin.

DECISION:

1. Mrs Trappett is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Panama Skies' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 of the Gunnedah meeting on 1 December 2022. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin.

3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Friday 3 March 2023 Mrs Trappett was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 3 March 2023 the decision makers charged Mrs Trappett with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 141(1), Rules

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

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must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a two-month suspension and invited Mrs Trappett to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Wednesday 19 April 2023, Mrs Trappett was represented by a legal representative who:
 - (a) entered a plea of guilty and;
 - (b) made verbal submissions on Mrs Trappett's behalf

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mrs Trappett's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Trappett:

To issue a \$1000 fine

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mrs Trappett's guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mrs Trappett's 14-year registration history and good record;
 - No prior offending for a similar matter;
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Gunnedah meeting on 1 December 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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