



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Tuesday 9 May 2023

Decision-makers: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Ben Boyce-Mortlock

Name of relevant person: Garry Edwards

Track: Goulburn

Date: 17 February 2023

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Garry Edwards presented the greyhound 'Enzo Herrera' for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Goulburn meeting on 17 February 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Plea: Guilty

Prohibited Substance(s): Minoxidil

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,000.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 29 March 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Enzo Herrera" at the Goulburn meeting on 17 February 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services confirming the presence of Minoxidil.

DECISION:

1. Mr Edwards is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Enzo Herrera" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 at the Goulburn meeting on 17 February 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of Minoxidil.

3. Minoxidil is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Tuesday 2 May 2023 Mr Edwards was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 2 May 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 4-month suspension and charged Mr Edwards 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 invited Mr Edwards to attend a hearing via Microsoft Teams to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted on Tuesday 9 May 2023, Mr Garry Edwards and registered Owner Mr Kory Edwards gave evidence. Mr Edwards entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Edwards' plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Edwards:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,000.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Edwards guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Edwards registration history and contribution to the industry over almost 50 years.
 - First offence

- GWIC penalty guidelines
- Stewards were able to determine the likely cause for the detection of Minoxidil in the sample.
- Low degree of culpability having regard to the reason Minoxidil had been detected in the sample.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Goulburn meeting on 17 February 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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