



*INQUIRY INTO ALLEGATION REGISTERED OWNER/TRAINER MR WOLFGANG KRAEFT TRAVELLED FROM A LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA OF CONCERN TO THE DAPTO GREYHOUND CLUB ON 5 AUGUST 2021 IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE NSW GOVERNMENT PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS.*

**By Video Conference**

**Stewards: Mr. W. Birch (Chairman)**

**Mr. M. Tutt**

**Mr. D. OShannessey**

**13 September 2021**

Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission (GWIC) today convened a hearing to consider a charge issued against Registered Owner/Trainer Mr. Wolfgang Kraeft relative to his travel from a location within a Local Government Area of Concern to attend the Dapto Greyhound Club Thursday 5 August 2021 in contravention of the NSW Government Public Health Orders.

At the hearing today the following charge was considered:

**Charge 1 – GAR 86(q) Offences**

That on 5 August 2021, Mr. Kraeft engaged in conduct prejudicial to the control and promotion of greyhound racing by travelling to the Dapto Greyhound Club from a residence located in a Local Government Area of Concern for the purposes of participating in greyhound activities in contravention of the NSW Government Public Health Orders.

**Plea – Guilty**

**Penalty**

In determining an appropriate penalty Stewards considered Mr. Kraeft's long standing participation in the greyhound industry, guilty plea, and disciplinary history. Against this, Stewards believed Mr. Kraeft's conduct to be a serious breach of the rules in that it presented a considerable risk to the ongoing operation of greyhound racing in NSW and had the capacity to compromise the health and safety of greyhound racing participants and officials. Having regard to the matters, Stewards imposed a 9 months disqualification.

Stewards further ordered that 3 months of this disqualification be served concurrently with a disqualification recently imposed upon Mr. Kraeft. This was ordered in consideration of the effect of the penalties on Mr. Kraeft if served cumulatively, and that Mr. Kraeft had been under interim suspension from 6 August 2021. Mr. Kraeft will therefore be able to make application for a registration to be issued from 9 September 2022.

**Relevant Rules**

***Rule 86 Offences***

*A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-*

*(q) commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control, or promotion of greyhound racing.*