

**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	9 July 2021
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	A/Senior Legal Officer, Alice Stafford, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Mitchell Jobson
<b>Track:</b>	N/A – non meeting
<b>Date:</b>	16 November 2020
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Rule 86(ag)
<b>Regulation:</b>	Clause 10(3) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019</i> (NSW)
<b>Charges:</b>	(1) Mr Jobson failed to comply with clauses 5, 6, 10 and 12 of the <i>GWIC Greyhound Re-homing Policy</i> dated 1 December 2019 (and amended 16 April 2020);  (2) Mr Jobson failed to comply with Clause 10(3)(b) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019</i> (NSW).
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	Charge 1: 12-week suspension Charge 2: No further penalty

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Jobson was, at all material times, a registered greyhound owner trainer.
2. Mr Jobson was, at all material times, the owner and trainer of the greyhound 'Flying Darcy' ("**Greyhound**").
3. On 16 November 2020, the Greyhound was presented to the Taree Vet Hospital by Mr Jobson to be euthanased.
4. Prior to the euthanasia of the Greyhound, Mr Jobson did not make any attempt to rehome the Greyhound in accordance with clause 5 of the *GWIC Greyhound Re-homing Policy* dated 1 December 2019 (and amended 16 April 2020) ("**Policy**").
5. Mr Jobson failed to lodge a *Notification of Intent to Euthanase* form fourteen (14) or more days before the Greyhound was euthanased, in breach of clause 10 of the Policy.
6. Mr Jobson failed to notify the Commission of the details relating to the euthanasia of the Greyhound within two (2) days of the euthanasia being performed, in breach of

clause 12 of the Policy and Clause 10(3)(b) of the Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019 (NSW) (“**Regulations**”).

7. The Commission charged Mr Jobson under Rule 86(ag) and Clause 10(3)(b) of the Regulations, which read:

**Rule 86(ag), Rules**

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

...

(ag) fails to comply with a policy adopted by a Controlling Body;

[A “**person**” is defined in Rule 1 as any person or body corporate whether registered by the Controlling Body or not.]

**Clause 10(3)(b), Regulation**

- (1) A greyhound racing industry participant who owns or keeps a greyhound must, in accordance with this clause, provide the following information to the Commission-

...

- (e) if the greyhound dies – details relating to the date, time and location of the death and circumstances surrounding the death (including the cause of death, if known),

...

- (2) If the Commission approves a manner or form for providing information required by this clause, the information must be provided in the approved manner or form.

- (3) A greyhound racing industry participant who is required to provide information to the Commission under this clause must do so-

...

- (b) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1)(e) – not more than 2 days after the death of the greyhound,

8. Mr Jobson admitted the charges, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

9. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Jobson:

**Charge 1 (Rule 86(ag)):** To suspend his registration for a period of 12 weeks;

**Charge 2 (Clause 10(3)(b), Regulations):** To impose no further penalty having regard to the penalty imposed for Charge 1.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- The objective seriousness of Mr Jobson’s conduct, resulting in the death of the greyhound;
- The length of time Mr Jobson has held a trainer registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since 2016, approximately 5 years;
- Mr Jobson has no relevant prior matters in his disciplinary history;
- Mr Jobson’s admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity; and
- Mr Jobson’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his remorse.

.....End.....