



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	Wednesday 19 April 2023
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Craig Easey and Steward Michael Hall
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Garry Anesbury
<b>Track:</b>	Young
<b>Date:</b>	28 January 2023
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Garry Anesbury presented the greyhound 'Booker' for the purposes of competing in race 8 at the Young meeting on 28 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Metformin
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To suspend Mr. Anesbury's licences for a period of three months, commencing Midnight 19 April 2023 and expiring Midnight 19 July 2023.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 7 March 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Booker" at the Young meeting on 28 January 2023.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Anesbury is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Booker" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 8 of the Young meeting on 28 January 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin.
3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Wednesday 5 April 2023 Mr Anesbury was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 5 April 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Anesbury 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;

...

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 six-month suspension and invited Mr Anesbury to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Saturday 15 April Mr Anesbury contacted the decision makers by email and advised that he would enter a guilty plea and accept the proposed charge.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Anesbury plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Anesbury:

**Charge 141 (1) (a):** To issue a suspension of three months.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Anesbury’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
  - Mr. Anesbury’s forthright evidence and commitment to adjusting husbandry practices to avoid recurrence
  - Mr Anesbury’s 26 year registration history, with a record of a prior category three positive substance matter within the past three years
  - GWIC penalty guidelines
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 at the Young meeting on 28 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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