



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 19 December 2022
Decision-makers:	Deputy Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Director of Race Day Operations (Chief Steward) Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Judith Richardson
Track:	Goulburn
Date:	23 September 2022
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mrs Judith Richardson presented the greyhound 'Valor' for the purposes of competing in race 9 at the Goulburn meeting on 23 September 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Frusemide
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,500.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 31 October 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Valor" at the Goulburn meeting on 23 September 2022.

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

DECISION:

1. Mrs Richardson is a registered Breeder, Public Trainer and Stud Master and the trainer of "Valor" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 9 of the Goulburn meeting on 23 September 2022. After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Frusemide.
3. Frusemide is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Monday 12 December 2022 Mrs Richardson was issued with a notice of charge ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 12 December 2022 the decision makers charged Mrs Richardson with the 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 Mrs Richardson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. Mrs Richardson, assisted by husband John Richardson, by way of telephone:
 - (a) entered a plea of guilty and;
 - (b) made verbal submissions
8. The decision makers adjourned to consider the evidence and submissions and determined to hand down the penalty in writing. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Richardson:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,500.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mrs Richardson's guilty plea;
 - Mrs Richardson's personal circumstances;
 - GWIC penalty guidelines;
 - Mrs Richardson's good record and long-standing participation in the industry, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry for 50 years with no prior prohibited substances matters;

- A likely cause of the detection of Frusemide in the sample was established, having regard to a letter from Mr John Richardson.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at the Goulburn meeting on 23 September 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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