



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 19 April 2023
Decision-maker:	Steward Michael Hall, Senior Steward Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Shayne Stiff
Track:	Dubbo
Date:	16 January 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Shayne Stiff presented the greyhound 'Cameron Keeping' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 16 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1000 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 24 February 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Cameron Keeping' at the Dubbo meeting on 16 January 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Stiff is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Cameron Keeping' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Dubbo meeting on 16 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 Friday 31 March 2023 Mr Stiff was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 31 March 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Stiff 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 \$2000 fine and invited Mr Stiff to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Wednesday 19 April 2023, Mr Stiff was represented by a legal representative who:

(a) entered a plea of guilty and;

(b) made verbal submissions on Mr Stiff’s behalf

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Stiff’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Stiff:

To issue a \$1000 fine

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Stiff’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Stiff’s over 30-year registration history and good record;
 - No prior offending for a similar matter;
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 16 January 2023 and race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 21 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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