

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	12 April 2021
Decision-makers:	Director Integrity & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Mr Terry Roberts
Track:	N/A – Non meeting
Date:	17 September 2019
Rule no.:	Rule 86(ae)(ii)
Charge(s):	(1) Mr Roberts had in his possession at his registered kennels on 17 September 2019 one (1) shock collar.
Disciplinary action taken:	\$500.00 fine (wholly and conditionally suspended)

REPORT:

During an inspection of the kennels registered to Mr Roberts, Commission Inspectors located one (1) shock collar. This item was surrendered to the Inspectors.

After considering the evidence the Commission charged Mr Roberts with a breach of Rule 86(ae)(ii) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”) in relation to the item found.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing.

DECISION:

1. Mr Roberts is, and was at the material time being on 17 September 2019, a registered greyhound Owner Trainer.
2. On 17 September 2019, Commission Inspectors attended the registered kennel address of Mr Roberts to conduct an inspection.
3. During that inspection, the Inspectors discovered and had surrendered to them one (1) electric shock collar that was on a greyhound at that time.
4. The Commission charged Mr Roberts under Rule 86(ae)(ii) for possession of the shock collar, which reads:

Rule 86

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

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(ae)(ii) have in his possession any gear, equipment, device, substance or any other thing capable of inflicting undue suffering on a greyhound.

5. Mr Roberts was notified of the charge in writing. Mr Roberts admitted the charge and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
6. The Commission, after considering all available material, including Mr Roberts' admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity, found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Roberts:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$500.00 wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition that Mr Roberts does not breach Rule 86(ae) (ii) of the Rules or any like Rules in that period.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents;
 - Mr Roberts' admission at the earliest opportunity;
 - The length of time Mr Roberts has participated in the industry, being since 2015, approximately 6 years; and
 - Mr Roberts has no like matters in his disciplinary history.

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