



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 7 November 2022
Decision-makers:	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Ken Storck
Name of relevant person:	Mr Dean Clarson
Track:	Taree
Date:	24 August 2022
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Dean Clarson presented the greyhound 'BUNDY TRIGGER' for the purposes of competing in race 12 at the Taree meeting on 24 August 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Dexamethasone
Disciplinary action taken:	To fine Mr Clarson the sum of \$1500

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 31 August 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'BUNDY TRIGGER' at the Taree meeting on 24 August 2022.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Clarson is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Bundy Trigger ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 12 of the Taree meeting on 24 August 2022. After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Dexamethasone.
3. Dexamethasone is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 3 November 2022 Mr Clarson was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”) in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action.
5. In the Notice issued on 3 November 2022 the decision makers charged Mr Clarson 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;

...

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 Mr Clarson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed penalty.
7. On Sunday 6 November 2022 Mr Clarson advised the decision makers by phone that he would enter a plea of guilty and accept the proposed penalty. Mr Clarson stated that he was unaware of where the substance had come from.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Clarson’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 Clarson:

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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Clarson’s guilty plea;
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and penalty guidelines;
 - Mr Clarson’s good record, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry since 1989 with no prior prohibited substances matters.
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 12 at the Taree meeting on 24 August 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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