

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	17 November 2021
Decision-makers:	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow and Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Mr Trevor Robinson
Date:	26 February 2021; 11 March 2021; 18 March 2021
Rule no.:	Local Rule 125(1); Rule 86(x)
Charge:	(1) On 26 February 2021 Mr Robinson took custody of a greyhound and its litter without holding a Breeder registration to do so. (2) On 11 March 2021 and 18 March 2021 made a false statement to the Controlling Body.
Disciplinary action taken:	Charge 1: 8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months; Charge 2: 2-month disqualification.

DECISION:

1. At all relevant times, Mr Robinson was a registered greyhound Owner Trainer and Breeder. Between 1 September 2019 and 1 September 2021, Mr Robinson did not have a Breeder registration.
2. On 24 December 2020, Mr Robinson entered into a breeding lease agreement with a registered breeder, in relation to a female greyhound part owned by him, 'Hartley Hoover' ("**the Greyhound**").
3. On 26 February 2021, the Greyhound whelped two pups which were delivered by emergency caesarean ("**the litter**").
4. On 11 March 2021, Mr Robinson emailed the GWIC Registration team advising that on 9 March 2021, he had removed the Greyhound and the litter from the registered breeder's kennels. On 11 March 2021, despite not being the registered breeder of the litter, Mr Robinson also lodged a Whelping Notice with GWIC, confirming that the litter was at his registered kennels.

5. On 18 March 2021 Mr Robinson had a telephone conversation with the GWIC Registration team in which he made a false statement about the location of the Greyhound and the litter.
6. On review of the evidence in this matter, the Commission charged Mr Robinson with two (2) breaches of the Greyhound Racing Rules. These rules respectively read:

Local Rule 125(1), Rules

- (1) A person must be registered as a breeder by GRNSW to undertake any of the following activities:
 - a. arrange for the service or artificial insemination of a dam;
 - b. care for a dam whelping a litter of pups;
 - c. care for an unnamed greyhound including times the greyhound is being whelped and reared....
- (4) A person who contravenes LR (1), (2), or (3) is guilty of an offence.

Rule 86(x), Rules:

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

...

- (x) makes any statement which to his/her knowledge is false either oral by, by print, in writing, by electronic means or by any combination thereof to a member of the Controlling Body, an officer of the Controlling Body, an employee of the Controlling Body, a veterinary surgeon, or an official in the execution of his/her duty;

7. Mr Robinson pleaded guilty to the charges, provided written submissions and elected to have the matter dealt with in writing.
8. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Robinson:

Charge 1 (Local Rule 125(1)):	To suspend Mr Robinson registrations for a period of 8 weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that he does not breach Local Rule 125(1) or any like Rules in that time frame;
-------------------------------	---

Charge 2 (Rule 86(x)):	To disqualify Mr Robinson for a period of 2 months.
------------------------	---

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence and submissions, including:

- The objective seriousness of Mr Robinson's conduct;
- The length of time Mr Robinson has held a trainer registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since 1980, approximately 41 years;
- The lack of any relevant disciplinary history by Mr Robinson;
- Mr Robinson's plea of guilty to the charges at the earliest opportunity;
- Submissions made in mitigation of penalty by Mr Robinson.

.....End.....