



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

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| <b>Date of decision:</b>          | 19 November 2021   |
| <b>Decision-makers:</b>           | Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow and Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch   |
| <b>Name of relevant person:</b>   | Mrs Raelee Shearer   |
| <b>Track:</b>                     | Gosford  |
| <b>Date:</b>                      | 20 July 2021   |
| <b>Rule no.:</b>                  | Rule 83(2)(a)  |
| <b>Charge(s):</b>                 | (1) Mrs Shearer presented the greyhound 'Dusty Charm' (" <b>Greyhound</b> ") for the purposes of competing in race 10 at the Gosford meeting on 20 July 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance |
| <b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>   | Dexamethasone  |
| <b>Disciplinary action taken:</b> | 4-week suspension  |

**REPORT:**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Dusty Charm' ("**Greyhound**") at the Gosford meeting on 20 July 2021.

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

Mrs Shearer admitted the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with Mrs Shearer's election.

**DECISION:**

1. Mrs Shearer is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound.
2. The Greyhound competed in race 10 of the Gosford meeting on 20 July 2021 ("**Event**"). Before the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

3. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of dexamethasone. Dexamethasone is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.

4. The Commission charged Mrs Shearer with an offence under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:

(2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

5. Mrs Shearer admitted the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

6. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Shearer:

To suspend her registrations for a period of 4 weeks.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- Mrs Shearer has held a trainer registration for approximately 17 years;
- Mrs Shearer's lack of any relevant disciplinary history;
- Mrs Shearer's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- Mrs Shearer's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to her personal circumstances, her good character, her attempts to determine the source of the prohibited substance and the character references provided on her behalf.

8. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 10 at the Gosford meeting on 20 July 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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