



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Commission issues Life Ban for animal cruelty**

Former NSW greyhound racing participant, Shane Polson, has been disqualified for life by the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission following conviction of five (5) offences, which occurred in July 2018, by the Dubbo Local Court on 12 September 2019, for which he was sentenced on 10 March 2020.

Mr Polson was convicted by the Dubbo Local Court for an act of aggravated cruelty upon a greyhound which resulted in the greyhound's death, failing to provide veterinary treatment for three greyhounds in his care and intimidating an official.

Prior to these offences occurring, Mr Polson was also convicted of two (2) animal welfare offences, which occurred in Victoria in December 2017, by the Moorabbin Magistrates' Court in Victoria on 5 September 2018.

The Commission considered all evidence against Mr Polson and after finding a charge under Rule 95(8)(a)(i) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules proven on 6 May 2020, took disciplinary action against Mr Polson to disqualify him for life and cancel his registration.

Mr Polson had been suspended from participating in the greyhound racing industry from 16 March 2018 and remained unable to participate in the industry until this final disciplinary action was taken.

The Chief Executive Officer of the Commission, Ms Judy Lind said, "Mr Polson's conduct was totally unacceptable. There is no place in our industry for people who are cruel to animals and the Commission will continue to investigate and take action against those who breach animal welfare standards."

Information relating to the Commission's disciplinary action decision can be found [here](#).