

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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	29 July 2024
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Shane Sandoz
<b>Rule no(s):</b>	R156(b)(ii)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<b>Charge 1 – R156(b)(ii)</b>  Mr. Sandoz did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to comply with a condition to which a greyhound in his ownership was subject.
<b>Plea:</b>	No plea entered
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	<b>Charge 1</b> - To issue a suspension of three months

With the suspension period to commence 30 July 2024 and expiring 30 October 2024

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Sandoz was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhound “My Brady Bunch” (“Greyhound”) was registered in Mr. Sandoz’s ownership.
3. On 4 March, 2024, Mr. Sandoz was directed by an officer of the Controlling Body to resume custody of the Greyhound within 14 days. Mr. Sandoz failed to do so.
4. On Wednesday 10 July 2024 Mr Sandoz was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). The Notice issued one charge against him for breach of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

**R156(b)(ii), Greyhound Racing Rules**

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

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(b) Fails to comply with any conditions:

- a. Of the person's registration or license as an owner, trainer, attendant or any other category of registration or license;
  - b. To which the registration of any greyhound owned by the person or under the person's care or custody is subject
5. The Notice invited Mr Sandoz to attend a hearing on Monday 22 July 2024, and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges.
6. Mr Sandoz failed to appear at the hearing held via Microsoft Teams on Monday 22 July 2024 and did not respond to efforts to contact him via phone.
7. On Monday 29 July 2024 decision makers found Mr. Sandoz guilty of all charges in his absence and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Sandoz:

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8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence, including:
- Mr. Sandoz's failure to attend the hearing
  - Mr. Sandoz's registration history within the industry with no like prior offences;
  - Precedent penalties

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