



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	25 November 2024
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Zane Turner and Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Christopher Supple
Track	Casino
Date:	15 August 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Christopher Supple presented the greyhound 'George Bourbon' for the purpose of competing in race 4 at the Casino meeting on 15 August 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Firocoxib
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$500 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Supple not reoffending under the same or similar rules in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 18 September 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "George Bourbon" at the Casino meeting on 15 August 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Firocoxib.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Supple is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "George Bourbon" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Casino

meeting on 15 August 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Firocoxib.
3. Firocoxib, in excess of the screening limit of a mass concentration of 2 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or urine, is a prohibited substance under Rule 146 of the Rules.
4. On 15 November 2024 Mr. Supple was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 15 November 2024 the decision makers charged Mr. Supple with an 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;

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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 proposed a penalty of a two-month suspension and invited Mr Supple to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Thursday 21 November 2024 Mr. Supple contacted decision makers and made written submissions.
8. On Monday 25 November 2024 Mr. Supple entered a plea of guilty.
9. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr. Supple'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. Supple:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$500 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Supple not reoffending under the same or similar rules in this period.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Mr. Supple’s Guilty plea (25% reduction)
- Mr. Supple’s 46-year registration history with unblemished record.
- GWIC penalty guidelines

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Casino meeting on 15 August 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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