



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	26 November 2024
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Zane Turner and Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Garry Anesbury
Track	Temora
Date:	21 July 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Garry Anesbury presented the greyhound 'Spin Around Blue' for the purpose of competing in race 1 at the Temora meeting on 21 July 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin, Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a suspension of 9 months, with the suspension to commence 4 December 2024 and to expire 4 September 2025.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 30 August 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Spin Around Blue" at the Temora meeting on 21 July 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre confirming the presence of Metformin, Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Anesbury is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Spin Around Blue" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Temora meeting on 21 July 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin, Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol.

3. Metformin, Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules
4. On 15 November 2024 Mr. Anesbury 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. Anesbury 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;

...

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 twelve-month suspension and invited Mr. Anesbury to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Saturday 16 November 2024 Mr. Anesbury contacted decision makers and:
 - a) entered a plea of Guilty; and
 - b) made written submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Anesbury’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 Anesbury:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a suspension of 9 months, with the suspension to commence 4 December 2024 and to expire 4 September 2025.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Anesbury’s Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr. Anesbury’s disciplinary record, including two prior prohibited substance matters within the past three years.
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Temora meeting on 21 July 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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