



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:	Michael Jenner
Track	Richmond Straight
Date:	29 August 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Michael Jenner presented the greyhound 'Aussie Bond' for the purpose of competing in race 2 at the Richmond Straight meeting on 29 August 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Meloxicam
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a suspension of 9 weeks, to commence 27 November 2024 and to expire on 29 January 2025.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 10 October 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Aussie Bond" at the Richmond meeting on 29 August 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Jenner is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Aussie Bond" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 2 of the Richmond Straight meeting on 29 August 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Meloxicam.

3. Meloxicam, in excess of the screening limit of a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 2 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine, is a prohibited substances under Rule 146 of the Rules.
4. On 15 November 2024 Mr Jenner 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 Jenner 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 three-month suspension and invited Mr Jenner to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 18 November 2024 Mr Jenner 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 Jenner'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 Jenner:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a suspension of 9 weeks, to commence 27 November 2024 and to expire on 29 January 2025.
9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Jenner's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Jenner's 35-year registration history with one prior prohibited substance offence in 2019.
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Richmond Straight meeting on 29 August 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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