



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	14 January 2025
Decision-maker:	Acting Chief Steward Dean Degan and Steward Paul Van Gestel
Name of relevant person:	Jack Lowe
Track	Richmond
Date:	27 October 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Jack Lowe presented the greyhound 'Black Harada' for the purpose of competing in race 5 at the Richmond meeting on 27 October 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$750 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Lowe 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 2 December 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Black Harada" at the Richmond meeting on 27 October 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr. Lowe is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Black Harada" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Richmond meeting on 27 October 2024. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin
3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules.
4. On 13 January 2025 Mr. Lowe was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 13 January 2025 the decision makers charged Mr. Lowe 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. Lowe to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On 13 January 2025 Mr. Lowe contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr. Lowe's plea as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr. Lowe:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$750 as well as impose a 4 week suspension, which will be wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Lowe not reoffending under the same or similar rules in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Lowe's Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr. Lowe's 13-year registration history with no prior prohibited substance offences; and

- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Richmond meeting on 27 August 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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