



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	20 December 2024
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Zane Turner and Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Rob Tyler
Track	Wentworth Park
Date:	10 August 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Rob Tyler presented the greyhound 'Letizia' for the purpose of competing in race 2 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 10 August 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Dexamethasone
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a suspension of 4 months, to commence Sunday 29 th December 2024 and expire Sunday 27 th April 2025

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 23 September 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Letizia" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 10 August 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr. Tyler is a registered Public Trainer, Breeder and Stud Master and the trainer of "Letizia" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 2 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 10 August 2024. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Dexamethasone.

3. Dexamethasone which exceeds the screening limit of a mass concentration of 200 picograms 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. Tyler 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. Tyler 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 seven-month suspension and invited Mr. Tyler to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Tuesday 10 December 2024 and Thursday 12 December 2024 Mr. Tyler contacted decision makers and:
 - a) entered written submissions;
8. On Friday 13 December 2024 Mr. Tyler attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - a) Entered verbal submissions; and
 - b) Entered a plea of Guilty
9. During the hearing evidence was provided that the reason the substance was in the greyhound's system was as a result of veterinary treatment given to the greyhound following advice from Mr Tyler's veterinarian. A letter from the veterinarian was tendered in evidence, and verbal evidence was provided by the veterinarian, confirming the treatment that was given and the source of the substance ultimately detected in the sample. The evidence was accepted by decision makers and was uncontroversial.
10. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr. Tyler'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. Tyler:

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

- a) Mr. Tylers's Guilty plea (25% reduction);
- b) Mr. Tyler's disciplinary record, with two prior prohibited substance matters within the past five years;
- c) The evidence provided as to how the substance came into the Greyhound's system;
- d) Mr Tyler's personal and professional circumstances;
- e) GWIC penalty guidelines

12. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 10 August 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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