



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

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| <b>Date of decision:</b>          | 27 March 2025                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Decision-maker:</b>            | Senior Steward Zane Turner and Manager, Racing Integrity, Chris Psillis                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Name of relevant person:</b>   | Shannon Ellis                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Track</b>                      | Wagga                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>Date:</b>                      | 6 December 2024                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Rule no.:</b>                  | 141(1)(a)                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Charge(s):</b>                 | Mr Shannon Ellis presented the greyhound 'Canya Penny' for the purpose of competing in race 1 at the Wagga meeting on 6 December 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance |
| <b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>   | 5 $\beta$ Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Plea:</b>                      | Guilty                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| <b>Disciplinary action taken:</b> | To issue a disqualification of 9 months, to commence 27 March 2025 and to expire at midnight 27 December 2025.                                                                                                      |

## INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 20 January 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Canya Penny" at the Wagga meeting on 6 December 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol.

## DECISION:

1. Mr Ellis is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Canya Penny" ("**the Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Wagga meeting on 6 December 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol.

3. 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol at a concentration above 10 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a female greyhound is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 139(1)(t) of the Rules.
4. On 25 March 2025 Mr Ellis was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr Ellis 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.  
...
  - (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.
5. The Notice invited Mr Ellis to attend a hearing on Thursday 27 March 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
6. On 26 March 2025, Mr. Ellis contacted decision makers and;
  - (a) Entered a plea of guilty; and
  - (b) Made written submissions
7. On Thursday 27 March 2025 decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. Mr Ellis attended the hearing and made verbal submissions in respect of the Charge.
8. Following consideration of Mr. Ellis's guilty plea and submissions, the decision makers found the charge proven and proposed a penalty of an 18-month disqualification.
9. Following consideration of Mr Ellis's submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, the decision makers determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mr Ellis:  
  
**Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a disqualification of 9 months, to commence 27 March 2025 and to expire at midnight 27 December 2025.
10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:
  - Mr Ellis' guilty plea (25% reduction);

- Mr Ellis’s disciplinary history over a registration period of 28 years, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
  - Mr Ellis’s written and verbal submissions;
  - Mr Ellis’s personal and professional circumstances; and
  - The objective seriousness of the offence.
11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Wagga meeting on 6 December 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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