

DECISION IN RELATION TO PENALTY

Presentation of a greyhound other than free of any prohibited substance in breach of rule 83(2) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules

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| INQUIRY NUMBER: | 18S003 |
| PERSON: | Mrs Julie French (Participant) |
| REGISTRATION: | Trainer |
| GWIC INQUIRY PANEL MEMBER(S): | Grant Carroll (Chief Steward) |
| DATE OF DECISION: | 20 September 2018 |

CHARGE

1. On 31 August 2018 the Chief Steward charged the Participant under rule 83(2) as follows:
That you, Julie French, a registered trainer, while in charge of the greyhound 'Sunlit Quealy' (**Greyhound**), presented the Greyhound for the purpose of competing in Race 10 at Wagga Wagga on 25 May 2018 (**Event**) in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance (**Charge**).
2. The prohibited substance was ibuprofen.

ADMISSION

3. The Participant, by letter, admitted to the Charge.

PENALTY

4. The starting point for the determination of penalty for ibuprofen is 12 weeks disqualification in accordance with prior greyhound racing penalties involving the detection of substances that are registered in Australia for human use in Australia which may have therapeutic benefits.
5. The Chief Steward considers that there are no aggravating factors present.
6. The Chief Steward considers that the following mitigating factors are present:
 - (a) The Participant's early admission to the Charge; and

- (b) The Participant's licence history, having been licensed since 2001 with no prior positive swabs.
7. Having regard to the totality of the facts, the Chief Steward determines that a period of suspension of 8 weeks is the appropriate penalty in the circumstances.
 8. As the Greyhound was presented for the Race contrary to Rule 83(2), the Chief Steward also determines to disqualify the Greyhound from the Race pursuant to Rule 83(4).

Grant Carroll
Chief Steward
Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission