



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

Date of decision: 25 July 2019
Decision-maker: A/Chief Executive Officer, Matthew Tutt
Name of relevant person: Miss Amanda Stewart
Track: Gunnedah
Rule no: Rule 101(2)(b)
Charge(s): (1) On 7 April 2019, Miss Stewart, permitted an unlicensed person to handle two (2) greyhounds that were in her control at Gunnedah race meeting.
Disciplinary action taken: three (3) months' suspension, wholly suspended for 12 months (conditionally)

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into an incident which occurred at Gunnedah Greyhound Racing Club on 7 April 2019:

1. Registered participant, Miss Amanda Stewart had in her control four (4) greyhounds nominated to compete in a number of races.
2. Miss Stewart permitted an unlicensed person to handle two (2) greyhounds in the wash bay area.
3. Miss Stewart was notified of the charge under Rule 101(2)(b) in writing. Ms Stewart entered a plea of guilty and provided written submissions in response.
4. The Commission considered all the available material and found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Miss Stewart:

To suspend her trainer registration held with GWIC for a period of three (3) months, wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition that, within that 12 month period, Miss Stewart does not breach Rule 101(2)(b) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

5. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission all evidence, including:
 - a. Miss Stewart's registration and disciplinary history;
 - b. Miss Stewart's admission at the earliest opportunity and submissions in relation to the circumstances surrounding the incident and in mitigation of penalty;
 - c. NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents.

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