



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 13 December 2019
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mrs Jill Imelda Harper
Track: Maitland
Date: 11 July 2019
Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s): (1) Mrs Harper presented the greyhound 'Willoughby' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Maitland meeting on 11 July 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance(s): Meloxicam
Disciplinary action taken: Fine issued of \$600

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Willoughby' ("Greyhound") at the Maitland meeting on 11 July 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mrs Harper with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("Rules") given that the post-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of prohibited substance meloxicam.

Mrs Harper plead not guilty to the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

DECISION:

1. Mrs Harper is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 6 at the Maitland meeting on 11 July 2019 (“**Event**”) and a post-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of meloxicam. The substance meloxicam is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules and category 5 prohibited substances under the NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines.
3. The Commission charged Mrs Harper under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:
 - (2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
 - (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
 - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
 - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mrs Harper plead not guilty to the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Harper:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$600.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mrs Harper has been a registered trainer for a period of approximately 44 years;
 - Mrs Harper has no history of any prohibited substance matters;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - Mrs Harper’s submissions made in mitigation of penalty, including confirmation that she had reviewed her animal husbandry practices, in relation her good character, and her personal and financial circumstances.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Maitland meeting on 11 July 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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