



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

**Date of decision:** 31 January 2020

**Decision-maker:** Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

**Name of relevant person:** Mrs Vicki Prest

**Track:** Bathurst

**Date:** 23 September 2019

**Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)

**Charge(s):** (1) Mrs Prest presented the greyhound 'Classy Offer' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 9 at the Bathurst meeting on 23 September 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

**Permanently banned prohibited substance(s):** 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxystanozolol

**Disciplinary action taken:** 26-week disqualification [with 6 weeks and 1 day suspended due to period of interim suspension served]

**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, 'Classy Offer' ("Greyhound") at the Bathurst meeting on 23 September 2019.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxystanozolol.

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mrs Prest 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 the permanently banned prohibited substances 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxystanozolol.

Mrs Prest denied the charge.

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

## DECISION:

1. Mrs Prest is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 9 at the Bathurst meeting on 23 September 2019 (“Event”) and a post-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxystanozolol. 6 $\alpha$ -hydroxystanozolol is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 79A(2)(xx) of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mrs Prest 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 Prest denied 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 Prest:

To disqualify her trainer and breeder registration for a period of 26 weeks with:

  - (a) 6 weeks and 1 day suspended due to the period of interim suspension served; and
  - (b) The remaining period of disqualification to be served, commencing on 1 February 2020 and expiring on 18 June 2020.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
  - Mrs Prest has been a registered trainer for over 40 years;
  - Mrs Prest has no history of any prohibited substance matters;
  - The low level of the prohibited substance detected;
  - The period served under an interim suspension: being 20 December 2019 to 31 January 2020;
  - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents, which provides a starting point penalty of 12 months disqualification;
  - Mrs Prest’s submissions in mitigation of any penalty, including in relation to her good character, reputation, personal circumstances and contributions to the greyhound racing industry and the wider community over a long period.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at the Bathurst meeting on 23 September 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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