

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

**Date of decision:** 13 March 2020  
**Decision-maker:** Judith Lind, Chief Executive Officer  
**Name of relevant person:** Mr Jason Carter  
**Track:** N/A – non-meeting  
**Rule no:** Rule 86(ae)(ii)  
**Charge(s):** (1) On 21 November 2018, Mr Carter had in his possession at his registered kennels 12 shock collars.  
**Disciplinary action taken:** \$600 fine (wholly and conditionally suspended)

**DECISION:**

The Commission has finalised their investigation into the possession of 12 shock collars by trainer Mr Jason Carter on 21 November 2018:

1. Mr Carter, at the material time being on 21 November 2018, was a registered trainer.
2. On 21 November 2018, Commission Inspectors inspected the kennels of Mr Carter, shared with other registered participants, and located a number of shock collars in the kennel area, not on the body of any greyhound or other animal. Mr Carter was the trainer of a number of greyhound on the property at that time. A total of 12 shock collars were surrendered to the Inspectors.
3. The Commission charged Mr Carter under Rule 86(ae)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Racing, which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

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(ae)(iii) have in his possession any gear, equipment, device, substance or any other thing capable of inflicting undue suffering on a greyhound.
4. Mr Carter was notified of the charge in writing. Mr Carter admitted the charge and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission, after considering all available material, including Mr Carter's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity, found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Carter:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$600 wholly suspended for 12 months on the condition that Mr Carter does not breach Rule 86(ae) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules or section 16(2)(c) of the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1979* (NSW) in that period.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
- Mr Carter's disciplinary history – in that he did not have any like matters on his disciplinary history, having held a registration in the greyhound racing industry for approximately 10 years;
  - Mr Carter's admission at the earliest opportunity; and
  - Mr Carter's cooperation with the Commission's Inspectors and inquiry.

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