



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 30 March 2020
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Alan Pringle
Track: Goulburn
Date: 10 September 2019
Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Pringle presented the greyhound 'My Kinda Song' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 8 at the Goulburn meeting on 10 September 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance(s): Pholcodine
Disciplinary action taken: Fine 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, 'My Kinda Song' ("Greyhound") at the Goulburn meeting on 10 September 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Pringle 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 pholcodine.

Mr Pringle admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Pringle is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 8 at the Goulburn meeting on 10 September 2019 (“**Event**”). Following the Event, as the Greyhound placed first, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of pholcodine. Pholcodine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Pringle 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. Mr Pringle admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Pringle:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$600.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Pringle has been a registered trainer for approximately 53 years;
 - Mr Pringle has no history of any prohibited substance matters;
 - Mr Pringle’s admission at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 at the Goulburn meeting on 10 September 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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