



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 18 September 2020
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Peter Scott
Track: Temora
Date: 10 May 2020
Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Scott presented the greyhound 'Cracklin' Zac' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Temora meeting on 10 May 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited substance: Mefenamic acid
Disciplinary action taken: \$1,000 fine

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Cracklin' Zac' ("**Greyhound**") at the Temora meeting on 10 May 2020.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Scott with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**") given that the pre-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of the prohibited substance mefenamic acid.

Mr Scott admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Scott is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 7 at the Temora meeting on 10 May 2020 (“Event”). Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of mefenamic acid. Mefenamic acid is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr Scott 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 Scott admitted 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 Mr Scott:

To issue him a fine of \$1,000.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Scott has held a greyhound licence for approximately 22 years;
 - Mr Scott has no like matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr Scott’s admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents;
 - Mr Scott’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his good character and record, personal circumstances, his review of his husbandry practices and a reasonable explanation for the source of the positive swab.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Temora meeting on 10 May 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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