



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 12 April 2021

Decision-makers: A/Senior Legal Officer, Alice Stafford, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan

Name of relevant person: Mr Jason Mackay

Track: Maitland

Date: 23 November 2020

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Mackay presented the greyhound 'Zipping Mish' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Maitland meeting on 23 November 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Firocoxib

Disciplinary action taken: \$2,225.00 fine

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Zipping Mish' ("**Greyhound**") at the Maitland meeting on 23 November 2020.

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

Mr Mackay admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Mackay is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Maitland meeting on 23 November 2020 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of firocoxib. Firocoxib is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.

3. The Commission charged Mr Mackay with an offence 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

4. Mr Mackay 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 Mackay:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$2,225.00.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Mackay has had a trainer registration for approximately 34 years;
- Mr Mackay has three prior prohibited substance matters in his disciplinary history involving 5 β -androstane-3 α 17 β -diol which were dealt with by way of three separate fines in 2013;
- Mr Mackay's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- The prizemoney which will be affected by the taking of this disciplinary action.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Maitland meeting on 23 November 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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