

## GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

<b>Date of decision:</b>	7 May 2021
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Director Compliance & Legal Services, Matthew Tutt, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Patrick Lorimer
<b>Track:</b>	N/A – non meeting
<b>Date:</b>	14 November 2020
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Rule 86(ag)
<b>Regulation:</b>	Clause 10(2) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019</i> (NSW)
<b>Charges:</b>	(1) Mr Lorimer failed to comply with clauses 4, 5, 6 and 12 of the <i>GWIC Greyhound Re-homing Policy</i> dated 1 December 2019 (and amended 16 April 2020);  (2) Mr Lorimer failed to comply with Clause 10(2) of the <i>Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019</i> (NSW).
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	Charge 1: To suspend Mr Lorimer’s Owner Trainer registration for a period of 16 weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Lorimer does not breach Rule 86(ag) or similar rules during that 12-month period;  Charge 2: To not impose any further penalty having regard to the penalty imposed for Charge 1.

#### DECISION:

1. Mr Lorimer was, at all material times, a registered greyhound owner trainer.
2. Mr Lorimer was, at all material times, the owner and trainer of the greyhound ‘Aria’s Paradise’ (“**Greyhound**”).
3. On 14 November 2020, the Greyhound was surrendered by Mr Lorimer to the Dubbo City Animal Shelter.

4. Prior to the surrender of the Greyhound, Mr Lorimer did not make any attempt to rehome the Greyhound in accordance with clause 5 of the *GWIC Greyhound Rehoming Policy* dated 1 December 2019 (and amended 16 April 2020) ("**Policy**").
5. At the time of surrender, the Greyhound was not desexed in accordance with clause 4 of the Policy.
6. Mr Lorimer failed to notify the Commission of the details relating to the surrender of the Greyhound using the form approved by the Commission, being a *Retirement Notification* form, in breach of clause 12 of the Policy and Clause 10(2) of the *Greyhound Racing Regulations 2019 (NSW)* ("**Regulations**").
7. The Commission charged Mr Lorimer under Rule 86(ag) and Clause 10(2) of the Regulations, which read:

**Rule 86(ag), Rules**

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

...

(ag) fails to comply with a policy adopted by a Controlling Body;

[A "**person**" is defined in Rule 1 as any person or body corporate whether registered by the Controlling Body or not.]

**Clause 10(2), Regulation**

(1) A greyhound racing industry participant who owns or keeps a greyhound must, in accordance with this clause, provide the following information to the Commission-

...

(b) if there is a change in the ownership of the greyhound – details of the change of ownership,

(c) if there is a change in the premises at which the greyhound is ordinarily kept – details of the change of premises,

...

(2) If the Commission approves a manner or form for providing information required by this clause, the information must be provided in the approved manner or form.

(3) A greyhound racing industry participant who is required to provide information to the Commission under this clause must do so-

...

(a) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1)(c) – not more than 3 days after the change of premises,

8. Mr Lorimer admitted the charges, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.

9. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Lorimer:

Charge 1 (Rule 86(ag)): To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 16 weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Lorimer does not breach Rule 86(ag) during that 12-month period;

Charge 2 (Clause 10(2), Regulations): To not impose any further penalty having regard to the penalty imposed for Charge 1.

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

- Mr Lorimer has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry between 1985 and 2009 and from 2014 to date;
- Mr Lorimer has no prior matters in his disciplinary history;
- Mr Lorimer's admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity;
- NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
- Mr Lorimer's submissions in mitigation of penalty.

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