



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

- Date of decision:** 1 July 2021
- Decision-makers:** A/Senior Legal Officer, Alice Stafford, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan
- Name of relevant person:** Miss Kerry Drynan
- Track:** Wentworth Park
- Date:** 13 February 2021
- Rule no.:** Rule 83(2)(a)
- Charge(s):** (1) Miss Drynan presented the greyhound 'Kurios Motion' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 13 February 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
- Prohibited Substance(s):** 4-hydroxy xylazine
- Disciplinary action taken:** To suspend Miss Drynan's registrations for a period of 28 weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Miss Drynan does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) or similar rules during that 12-month period.

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, 'Kurios Motion' ("**Greyhound**") at the Wentworth Park meeting on 13 February 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of 4-hydroxy xylazine.

Miss Drynan was legally represented and did not enter a plea in relation to this charge.

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

DECISION:

1. Miss Drynan is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 13 February 2021 (“Event”). After the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of 4-hydroxy xylazine. 4-hydroxy xylazine is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Miss Drynan 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. Miss Drynan did not enter a plea in relation to the charge, had written submissions provided on her behalf and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Miss Drynan:

To suspend her registrations for a period of 28 weeks, wholly suspended for a period of 12-months on the condition that Miss Drynan does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) or similar rules during that 12-month period.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Miss Drynan has held a trainer registration since 2012, approximately 9 years;
 - Miss Drynan did not enter a plea in relation to the charge;
 - Miss Drynan has no relevant prior matters in her disciplinary history; and
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 13 February 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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