

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, Senior Steward, Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Mr Trevor Wilson
Date:	16 November 2020
Rule no.:	Rule 86(ae)(i) (x2)
Charges:	(1) Mr Wilson used a substance that inflicted undue suffering on the greyhound 'Severine'; (2) Mr Wilson used a substance that inflicted undue suffering on the greyhound 'Jiggle No Wiggle'.
Disciplinary action taken:	Served concurrently: Charge 1: 3-months disqualification; Charge 2: 3-months disqualification.

DECISION:

1. On or about 12 October 2020, Mr Wilson became the registered trainer of the greyhounds 'Severine' and 'Jiggle No Wiggle' ("**the Greyhounds**").
2. On 16 November 2020, Mr Wilson administered approximately one tablespoon of washing soda crystals to each of the Greyhounds, with the intention of making the Greyhounds vomit.
3. During the course of the day, the condition of the Greyhounds deteriorated.
4. That afternoon, Mr Wilson contacted a veterinary nurse who came to his property to examine the greyhounds and recommended a treatment regime.
5. On 17 November 2020, the Greyhounds' condition had not improved and were taken to Mr Wilson's usual veterinary clinic. The Greyhounds were ultimately euthanased that same day.
6. As a result of this conduct the Commission charged Mr Wilson with two (2) offences under Rule 86(ae)(i), which reads:

Rule 86(ae)(i)

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

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(ae)(i) by use of any gear, equipment device, substance or by any other means inflicts undue suffering on a greyhound;

7. Mr Wilson was notified of the charges in writing. Mr Wilson admitted the charges, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
8. The Commission, after considering all available material, found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Wilson:
Charge 1 To disqualify Mr Wilson for a period of 3 months,
Charge 2: To disqualify Mr Wilson for a period of 3 months,
with the periods of disqualification being served concurrently.
9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all the evidence, including:
 - The objective seriousness of Mr Wilsons' conduct;
 - Mr Wilson took active steps to attempt to rectify the situation;
 - The length of time Mr Wilson has held a trainer registration in the greyhound racing industry, being since from 2001, approximately 20 years;
 - Mr Wilson plead guilty to both charges at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Wilson has no prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - The submissions made by Mr Wilson in mitigation of penalty in relation to the charges, including his remorse.

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