

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

- Date of decision:** 10 November 2021
- Decision-makers:** Shaye Barrow, Acting Deputy Chief Inspector, Dean Degan, Senior Steward & Alice Stafford, Acting Senior Legal Officer
- Name of relevant person:** Mr Jason Carter
- Track:** N/A
- Date:** 3 December 2020
- Rule no.:** Rule 106(2) x4
- Charge(s):**
- (1) Mr Carter provided medication to the greyhound 'Spooky Exit' that resulted in undue suffering by the greyhound;
 - (2) Mr Carter provided medication to the greyhound 'Master Shady' that resulted in undue suffering by the greyhound;
 - (3) Mr Carter provided medication to the greyhound 'Far Fetched' that resulted in undue suffering by the greyhound;
 - (4) Mr Carter provided medication to the greyhound 'Chill Out Fordy' that resulted in undue suffering by the greyhound.
- Disciplinary action taken:**
- Charge 1:** 6-month disqualification
 - Charge 2:** 6-month disqualification
 - Charge 3:** 6-month disqualification
 - Charge 4:** 6-month disqualification
- with the periods of disqualification to be served concurrently.

DECISION:

1. Mr Carter was a registered public trainer and breeder at all material times.
2. On the evening of 3 December 2020, Mr Carter treated some of his greyhounds for internal and external parasites. Included in the greyhounds that he treated were the four (4) male greyhounds ("**Greyhounds**") 'Spooky Exit', 'Master Shady', 'Far Fetched' and 'Chill Out Fordy'.

3. Mr Carter used a brand of Ivermectin named 'Equimax', a horse wormer in liquid form, to treat the internal parasites and 'Comfortis', a flea tablet, to treat the external parasites. The 'Equimax' had an expiration date of 2018.
4. The next morning on 4 December 2020, Mr Carter discovered that the Greyhounds were deceased.
5. Mr Carter made admissions that he did not usually administer both substances on the same date, but in this case did so due to personal time pressures.
6. The Commission charged Mr Carter with four (4) offences under Rule 106(2) which reads:

Rule 106:

(2) A registered person must exercise such reasonable care and supervision as may be necessary to prevent greyhounds pursuant to the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering.

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(5) An owner or person responsible at the relevant time who fails to comply with any provision of this rule shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with Rule 95.

7. Mr Carter pleaded guilty to all four (4) charges at the earliest opportunity. Submissions were made on behalf of Mr Carter by his legal representative during a hearing.
8. The Commission found all four of the charges proven.
9. The Commission took the following disciplinary action against Mr Carter:

Charge 1: To disqualify Mr Carter for 6 months;

Charge 2: To disqualify Mr Carter for 6 months;

Charge 3: To disqualify Mr Carter for 6 months;

Charge 4: To disqualify Mr Carter for 6 months,

with the periods of disqualification to be served concurrently.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents;
 - The objective seriousness of Mr Carter's conduct which resulted in the death of four (4) greyhounds;
 - The length of time Mr Carter has held a trainer registration in the greyhound racing industry, being approximately 9 years;
 - Mr Carter has no prior relevant disciplinary history;

- Mr Carter's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity; and
- The submissions made on behalf of Mr Carter in mitigation of penalty in relation to the charges, including his explanation for the alleged offending and his personal circumstances.

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