



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

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| Date of decision: | 17 November 2021 |
| Decision-makers: | A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow, Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt and Director Race Day Operations and Integrity, Wade Birch |
| Name of relevant person: | Mr Peter Richey |
| Track: | N/A |
| Date: | 29 January 2021 and 2 February 2021 |
| Rule no.: | Rule 86(o) |
| Charge(s): | (1) Mr Richey made statements when telephoning Greyhounds as Pets (“ GAP ”) that in the opinion of the Controlling Body was improper or constituted misconduct |
| Disciplinary action taken: | \$1,000.00 fine, with \$500.00 conditionally suspended for 12 months |

DECISION:

1. At all relevant times, Mr Richey was a registered greyhound Owner Trainer.
2. On 29 January 2021 and 2 February 2021, Mr Richey had a series of phone calls with two Greyhounds as Pets (“**GAP**”) staff in order to try to rehome one of his greyhounds.
3. During these calls, Mr Richey was advised of the GAP requirement for participants to provide a C7 vaccination certificate prior to the greyhound attending a pre-assessment for rehoming. Mr Richey advised GAP staff that he would not be arranging for his greyhound to receive a C7 vaccination prior to the pre-assessment.
4. Mr Richey’s tone became rude and aggressive during his telephone calls with GAP staff and made improper comments towards the GAP staff, including telling one GAP staff member to “*stick it up your arse*”.
5. On review of the evidence in this matter, the Commission charged Mr Richey with an offence under Rule 86(o) which reads:

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

(o) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct.

6. Mr Richey admitted the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
7. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Richey:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$1,000.00, with \$500.00 suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that he does not breach Rule 86(o) or any like Rules in that timeframe.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - The objective seriousness of Mr Richey's conduct;
 - Mr Richey has held a trainer registration for approximately 33 years;
 - Mr Richey has no relevant prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr Richey's admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
 - Mr Richey's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including his personal circumstances and his remorse.

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