



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 30 January 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Craig Easey
Name of relevant person:	Garry Anesbury
Track:	Wagga
Date:	21 October 2022
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Garry Anesbury presented the greyhound 'Ralph' for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Wagga meeting on 21 October 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Metformin and Hydrochlorothiazide
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine in the sum of \$1000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 25 November 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Ralph" at the Wagga meeting on 21 October 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Metformin and Hydrochlorothiazide.

DECISION:

1. Mr Anesbury is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Ralph" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Wagga meeting on 21 October 2022. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin and Hydrochlorothiazide.
3. Metformin and Hydrochlorothiazide is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Wednesday 25 January 2023 Mr Anesbury was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").

5. In the Notice issued on 25 January 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Anesbury with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 141(1), Rules

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

...

must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to subrule (1) of this rule shall be guilty of an offence.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a fine in the sum of \$2000 and invited Mr Anesbury to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 30 January Mr Anesbury contacted the decision makers by email and advised that he would enter a guilty plea and accept the proposed charge.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Anesbury plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Anesbury:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine in the sum of \$1000.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
- Mr Anesbury's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Anesbury's 26 year registration history without similar prior offence
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Wagga meeting on 21 October 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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