



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Monday 24 April 2023

Decision-maker: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Paul Van Gestel

Name of relevant person: Julian Borg

Track: Richmond

Date: 18 January 2023

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Julian Borg presented the greyhound 'Tiri Ugg for the purposes of competing in race 8 at the Richmond meeting on 18 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Loperamide

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine in the sum of \$500.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 24 February 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Tiri Ugg" at the Richmond meeting on 18 January 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Loperamide.

DECISION:

1. Mr Borg is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Tiri Ugg" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 8 at the Richmond meeting on 18 January 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-race swab revealed the presence of Loperamide.
3. Loperamide is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Tuesday 18 April 2023 Mr Borg was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 18 April 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a \$2000 fine and charged Mr Borg 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 invited Mr Borg to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 24 April 2023, prior to scheduled commencement of the hearing, written advice was received by Mr Borg who entered a guilty plea and made submissions in respect to penalty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Borg's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Borg:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine in the sum of \$500.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Borg being a registered participant for over 50 years
 - No prior offences
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
 - Personal circumstances

- A likely cause for the detection of Loperamide was established
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 at the Richmond meeting on 18 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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