



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 24 May 2023
Decision-maker:	Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Sam Woolaston
Name of relevant person:	Amanda Ginn
Track:	Temora
Dates:	6 February 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Amanda Ginn presented the greyhound 'Split And Stack' for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Temora meeting on 6 February 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Tapentadol
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 12-month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months. In addition, a fine of \$2000 was also issued.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 15 March 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Split And Stack" at the Temora meeting on 6 February 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Ms Ginn is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Split And Stack".

2. "Split And Stack" ("the Greyhound") competed in race 4 at the Temora meeting on 6 February 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post-race swab revealed the presence of Tapentadol, which is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 139(1)(f) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
3. On Thursday 18 May 2023 Ms Ginn was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
4. In the Notice issued on 18 May 2023 the decision makers charged Ms Ginn 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.

5. The Notice invited Ms Ginn to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
6. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Wednesday 24 May 2023, Ms Ginn and a representative assisting in the inquiry:
 1. entered a plea of guilty;
 2. made verbal submissions; and
 3. entered written submissions
7. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Ginn's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Ginn:

To issue a 12-month suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months. In addition, a fine of \$2000 was also issued.
8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Ms Ginn's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Her record and registration history

- Her cooperation and forthright evidence
- Stewards were able to determine the likely cause for the detection of Tapentadol in the sample.
- Low degree of culpability having regard to the reason Tapentadol had been detected in the sample.

9. In addition, "Split And Stack" was disqualified from race 4 at the Temora meeting on 6 February 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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