



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** Tuesday 30 May 2023  
**Decision-maker:** Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Paul van Gestal  
**Name of relevant person:** Anthony Duggan  
**Tracks:** Gosford and The Gardens  
**Dates:** 11 October 2022 & 2 December 2022  
**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a)  
**Charge(s):**

**Charge 1**

Mr Anthony Duggan presented the greyhound 'Caen' for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Gosford meeting on 11 October 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Charge 2**

Mr Anthony Duggan presented the greyhound 'Caen' for the purposes of competing in race 2 at The Gardens meeting on 2 December 2022 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Prohibited Substance(s):** Cobalt

**Plea:** **Charge 1: Not Guilty**  
**Charge 2: Not Guilty**

**Disciplinary action taken:**  
**Charge 1: To issue a ten-week suspension**  
**Charge 2: To issue a ten-week suspension**

Both penalties are to be served concurrently, commencing Midnight Wednesday 31 May and expiring Midnight Tuesday 9 August.

## INVESTIGATION

### Charge 1

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 10 November 2022, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, “Caen” at the Gosford meeting on 11 October 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

### Charge 2

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 9 January 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, “Caen” at The Gardens meeting on 2 December 2022.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

## DECISION:

1. Mr Duggan is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of both greyhounds.
2. “Caen” (“the First **Greyhound**”) competed in race 3 of the Gosford meeting on 11 October 2022. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Cobalt which is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
3. “Caen” (“the Second **Greyhound**”) competed in race 3 of The Gardens meeting on 2 December 2022. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Cobalt which is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Monday 22 May 2023 Mr Duggan was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 22 May 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Duggan 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;

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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 four-month suspension for each charge and invited Mr Duggan to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Tuesday 30 May 2023, Mr Duggan and a representative assisting in the inquiry:
  1. entered a plea of not guilty;
  2. made verbal submissions; and
  3. entered written submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Duggan's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Duggan:

**Charge 1 – Rule 141(1)(a):** To suspend Mr Duggan's registrations for a period of 10 weeks

**Charge 2 – Rule 141(1)(a):** To suspend Mr Duggan's registrations for a period of 10 weeks

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Duggan's not guilty plea
  - His record and registration history
  - His cooperative and forthright evidence regarding the potential source of the substance.
  - No prior positive substance matters
  - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the First Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Gosford meeting on 11 October 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules, and the Second Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at The Gardens meeting on 2 December 2022 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

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