



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 30 May 2023
Decision-maker:	Steward Sam Woolaston, Steward Peter Phillips, Senior Steward Kevin Adams
Name of relevant person:	Garry Parsons
Track:	Temora
Date:	2 March 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Garry Parsons presented the greyhound 'Elegant Miss' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Temora meeting on 2 March 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Levamisole
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1000 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 4 April 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Elegant Miss' at the Temora meeting on 2 March 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Parsons is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Elegant Miss' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Temora meeting on 2 March 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Levamisole.
3. Levamisole is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Tuesday 16 May 2023 Mr Parsons was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 16 May 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Parsons 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 four-month suspension and invited Mr Parsons 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 Parsons and a representative assisting in the inquiry:
 - (a) entered a plea of guilty;
 - (b) made verbal submissions; and
 - (c) entered written submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Parsons’ plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Parsons:

To issue a \$1000 fine

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Parsons’ guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Parsons’ registration history and good record, with no prior offending for a similar matter;
 - His record of voluntary contributions to the industry
 - His forthright evidence and explanation for the source of the contamination; and
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Temora meeting on 2 March 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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