



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

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| Date of decision: | Thursday 15 June 2023 |
| Decision-maker: | Steward Peter Phillips, Steward Shane O'Shea and Senior Steward Kevin Adams |
| Name of relevant person: | Charmaine Field |
| Track: | Maitland |
| Date: | 10 April 2023 |
| Rule no.: | 141(1)(a) |
| Charge(s): | Mr Charmaine Field presented the greyhound 'Cherokee Outlaw' for the purposes of competing in race 12 at the Maitland meeting on 10 April 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance |
| Prohibited Substance(s): | Guaifenesin |
| Plea: | Guilty |
| Disciplinary action taken: | To issue a fine of \$1,000 |

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 10 May 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Cherokee Outlaw" at the Maitland meeting on 10 April 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Ms Field is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Cherokee Outlaw" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 12 of the Maitland meeting on 10 April 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Guaifenesin.

3. Guaifenesin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Thursday 1 June 2023 Ms Field was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 1 June 2023 the decision makers charged Ms Field 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 suspension of two months duration and invited Ms Field to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing held on Thursday 15 June Ms Field:
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Field'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 Field:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1,000
9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Ms Field's guilty plea
 - Mr Field's 14-year registration history with no prior offences
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 12 at the Maitland meeting on 10 April 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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