

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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	25 July 2023
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Craig Easey
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Mr Mathew Anesbury
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Local Rule 55(1)(b), Rule 151(2), Rule 21(1)(c)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<p>Charge 1 – LR55(1)(b)</p> <p>Mr Anesbury did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence by knowingly accepting a pregnant dam into his kennels on or around 20 January, whilst not a registered breeder, where approximately nine days later it whelped a litter of pups.</p> <p>Charge 2 – R151(2)</p> <p>Mr Anesbury failed to produce written treatment records when requested by an authorised person.</p> <p>Charge 3 – R21(1)(c)</p> <p>Mr Anesbury failed to provide kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and are kept in a clean and sanitary condition.</p>
<b>Plea:</b>	<p>Charge 1 – Guilty</p> <p>Charge 2 – Guilty</p> <p>Charge 3 – Not Guilty</p>
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	<p><b>Charge 1</b> - To issue a suspension of 8 weeks, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12-months subject to Mr. Anesbury not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.</p> <p><b>Charge 2</b> - \$375 fine.</p> <p><b>Charge 3</b> - Withdrawn</p>

## **DECISION:**

1. Mr Anesbury was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer, with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 30 May 2023 Mr Anesbury was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). The Notice issued three charges against him for breaches of the following Greyhound Racing Rules:

### **Charge One Local Rule 55(1)(b) Rules**

- (1) A person must be registered as a breeder by the Controlling body to undertake any of the following activities:

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- (b) care for a dam whelping a litter of pups

### **Charge Two Rule 151 Rules**

- (1) The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhound:
  - (a) from the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care; and
  - (b) for a minimum of two years.
- (2) If requested by the Controlling Body, a Steward, or an authorised person, the record/s of treatment referred to in subrule (1) of this rule must be produced for inspection.
- (3) Each record of treatment kept in accordance with this rule must be made by midnight on the day on which the treatment was given, and, as a minimum requirement, include the following information:
  - (a) the name of the greyhound;
  - (b) the date and time of administration of the treatment;
  - (c) the name of the treatment (brand name or active constituent);
  - (d) the route of administration;
  - (e) the amount given; and
  - (f) the name and signature of the person or persons administering and / or authorising the treatment.

For the purpose of subrule (3), “day” means the 24-hour period from 12.00am to 11.59p on any calendar day.

- (4) An offence is committed if any person in charge of a greyhound at the relevant time fails to comply with any of subrules (1) to (3) of this rule.

### **Charge 3 Rule 21(1)(c) Rules**

(1) A person must ensure that any greyhound in the person's care or custody, is at all times provided with:

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(c) kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition

3. A summary of the charges issued against Mr Johnston are as follows:

#### **Charge 1 – LR51(1)(b)**

On or around 20 January, whilst not a registered breeder, Mr Anesbury accepted a dam into his custody where, approximately nine days, later it whelped a litter of pups

#### **Charge 2 – Rule 151**

On February 1, 2023, Mr Anesbury failed to produce complete treatment records for the greyhounds in his care and control when requested to do so by a GWIC Inspector

#### **Charge 3 – Rule 156(h)**

On February 7, 2023, Mr Anesbury was issued with a written work direction by an officer of the Controlling Body to rectify deficiencies identified at his registered kennel address. On March 7, 2023, it was determined that this direction had not been fully complied with.

**NOTE:** This charge was found not proven and subsequently withdrawn.

4. The Notice invited Mr Anesbury to attend a hearing on Friday 2 June 2023, and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.

5. At the hearing conducted on Friday 2 June 2023 Mr Anesbury:

- entered a plea of guilty to charges One and Two;
- made verbal submissions in response to the charges

6. Following considering of Mr Anesbury's plea and verbal submissions, the decision-makers found charges One and Two proven and took the following disciplinary action against him:

**Charge 1** - To issue a suspension of 8 weeks, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12-months subject to Mr. Anesbury not breaching this rule or any like rule in this period.

**Charge 2** - \$375 fine.

7. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers considered all evidence before them, including:

- Mr. Anesbury's Guilty plea to each charge;
- Mr. Anesbury's registration history, with no history of similar breaches.

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