



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 5 July 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Kevin Adams, Steward Shane O'Shea and Steward Peter Phillips
Name of relevant person:	Raymond Tyquin
Track:	Dubbo
Date:	3 April 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Raymond Tyquin presented the greyhound 'Top Notch' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 3 April 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Gabapentin
Plea:	Not Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1500 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 3 May 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Top Notch' at the Dubbo meeting on 3 April 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre confirming the presence of Gabapentin.

DECISION:

1. Mr Tyquin is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Top Notch' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Dubbo meeting on 3 April 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Gabapentin.
3. Gabapentin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Wednesday 21 June 2023 Mr Tyquin was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 21 June 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Tyquin 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 two-month suspension and invited Mr Tyquin to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.

7. At the hearing conducted via Teams on Wednesday 5 July 2023, Mr Tyquin:

(a) entered a plea of not guilty; and

(b) made verbal submissions

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

To issue a \$1500 fine

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Tyquin’s not guilty plea;
- Mr Tyquin’s 11-year registration history and good record, with no prior offending for a similar matter;
- GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 3 April 2023 and Race 3 at the Dubbo meeting on 8 April pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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