



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	Sunday 30 July 2023
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Shannon Kearney
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Shane Cartwright
<b>Track:</b>	Grafton
<b>Date:</b>	14 March 2023
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Shane Cartwright presented the greyhound 'Daisy's Gold' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Grafton meeting on 14 March 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Theobromine
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To issue a suspension of two months, to commence midnight Tuesday 1 August 2023 and end Midnight Saturday 30 September 2023.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 28 April 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Daisy's Gold' at the Grafton meeting on 14 March 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Theobromine.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Cartwright is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of 'Daisy's Gold' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 of the Grafton meeting on 14 March 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Theobromine.
3. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 20 June 2023 Mr Cartwright was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 20 June 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Cartwright 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.

...

(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 Cartwright to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted at the Grafton Greyhound Club on Sunday 30 July 2023, Mr Cartwright:

(a) entered a plea of guilty; and

(b) made verbal submissions.

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Cartwright’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 Cartwright:

To issue a suspension of two months, to commence midnight Tuesday 1 August 2023 and end Midnight Saturday 30 September 2023.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Cartwright’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
  - Mr Cartwrights’s ten-year registration history with no prior offence in a similar matter; and
  - GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Grafton meeting on 14 March 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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