



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 16 August 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Michael Hall
Name of relevant person:	Kirralee Woodhead
Track:	Gunnedah
Date:	11 May 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Miss Kirralee Woodhead presented the greyhound 'Irinka Andy' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Gunnedah meeting on 11 May 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Carprofen
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1250 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 21 June 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Irinka Andy' at the Gunnedah meeting on 11 May 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Miss Woodhead is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Irinka Andy' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Gunnedah meeting on 11 May 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Carprofen.
3. Carprofen is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 27 July 2023 Miss Woodhead was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").

5. In the Notice issued on 27 July 2023 the decision makers charged Miss Woodhead 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 Miss Woodhead 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 16 August 2023, Miss Woodhead:

(a) entered a plea of guilty; and

(b) made verbal submissions

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

To issue a \$1250 fine

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

- Miss Woodhead's guilty plea (25% reduction);
- Miss Woodhead's commitment to changing husbandry practices.
- GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Gunnedah meeting on 21 May 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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