



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 25 October 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Shane O'Shea
Name of relevant person:	Garry Kedwell
Track:	Maitland
Date:	7 August 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Garry Kedwell presented the greyhound 'Tank Tour' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Maitland meeting on 7 August 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Synephrine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	\$1000 fine

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 11 September 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Tank Tour' at the Maitland meeting on 7 August 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Garry Kedwell is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of 'Tank Tour' ("Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Maitland meeting on 7 August 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Synephrine.
3. Synephrine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 10 October 2023 Mr Kedwell was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 10 October 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Kedwell 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 four-month suspension and invited Mr Kedwell to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 16 October 2023, Mr Kedwell’s representative tendered written submissions on his behalf, and entered a guilty plea to the charge.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Kedwell’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 Kedwell:

- To issue a \$1000 fine

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Kedwell’s guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Kedwell’s commitment to changing husbandry practices.
 - The decision makers were able to determine a likely cause for Synephrine being detected in the sample.
 - GWIC penalty guidelines.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Maitland meeting on 7 August 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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