



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Thursday 12 October 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Ken Storck
Name of relevant person:	Terry Duncan
Track:	Casino
Date:	6 July 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Terry Duncan presented the greyhound 'Sunset Charlie' for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Casino meeting on 6 July 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Dexamethasone
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 6-month suspension, to commence Friday 13 October 2023 and to expire on Friday 12 April 2024.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 2 August 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Sunset Charlie" at the Casino meeting on 6 July 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Dexamethasone in excess of the screening limit of 200 pictograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Mr Duncan is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Sunset Charlie" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 4 at the Casino meeting on 6 July 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of Dexamethasone in excess of the screening limit of 200 pictograms per millilitre.

3. Dexamethasone in excess of the screening limit of 200 pictograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(c) of the Rule.
4. On Thursday 21 September 2023 Mr Duncan was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 21 September 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 12-month suspension and charged Mr Duncan 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 invited Mr Duncan to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted on Thursday 12 October Mr Duncan provided verbal submissions and entered a plea of guilty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Duncan'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 Duncan:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a 6-month suspension, to commence Friday 13 October 2023 and to expire on Friday 12 April 2024.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr. Duncan's record and that this was a third offence for a prohibited substance within 5 years.
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

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

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