



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 28 November 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Michael Hall
Name of relevant person:	Glen Prestwidge
Track:	Dubbo
Date:	15 April 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Glen Prestwidge presented the greyhound 'Triple Psycho' for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Dubbo meeting on 15 April 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited Substance(s):	Diclofenac
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a four-week suspension, to commence Midnight Tuesday 28 th November 2023 and expire Midnight Tuesday 26 th December 2023

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 22 May 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Triple Psycho" at the meeting on 15 April 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Prestwidge is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Triple Psycho" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 of the Dubbo meeting on 15 April 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Diclofenac.
3. Diclofenac is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 20 July 2023 Mr Prestwidge was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 20 July 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Prestwidge 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;

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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 Prestwidge to attend a hearing on Tuesday 8 August 2023 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge. This hearing date was subsequently vacated, with Mr Prestwidge contacting decision makers to confirm his preference for the matter to be decided in writing.
7. On Monday 6 November Mr Prestwidge provided written submissions to decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Prestwidge's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and on Tuesday 28 November 2023 took the following disciplinary action against Mr Prestwidge:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a four-week suspension, to commence Midnight Tuesday 28th November 2023 and expire Midnight Tuesday 26th December 2023

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Prestwidge's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Prestwidge's registration history with no prior offences in any similar matter
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Dubbo meeting on 15 April 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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