



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	Wednesday 1 November 2023
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Michael Hall and Steward Craig Easey
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Jack Roy
<b>Track:</b>	Temora
<b>Date:</b>	11 July 2023
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Jack Roy presented the greyhound 'Bart's Chance' for the purposes of competing in race 10 at the Temora meeting on 11 July 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Metformin
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To issue a fine of \$2000 and an 8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr. Roy not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 15 August 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Bart's Chance" at the meeting on 11 July 2023.

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

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Roy is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Bart's Chance" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 10 of the Temora meeting on 11 July 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Metformin.
3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 20 October 2023 Mr Roy was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 20 October 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Roy 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 Roy to attend a hearing on Wednesday 25 October 2023 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted 25 October 2023 Mr Roy;
  - Entered a plea of guilty; and
  - Made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Roy's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and on Wednesday 1 November 2023 took the following disciplinary action against Mr Roy:

**Charge 141 (1) (a):** To issue a fine of \$2000 and an 8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr. Roy not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Roy's guilty plea (25% reduction)
  - Mr Roy's 50-year registration history with one prior offence within the previous 5 years.

- Mr. Roy's voluntary contributions to the industry and commitment to changing husbandry practices in response to the charge.
- The decision makers were able to determine a likely cause for Metformin being detected in the sample.
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 10 at the Temora meeting on 11 July 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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