



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

**Date of decision:** Sunday 10 March 2024

**Decision-maker:** Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Craig Easey and Cadet Steward Zac Vella

**Name of relevant person:** Brian Lord

**Track:** Temora

**Date:** 27 December 2023

**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a)

**Charge(s):** Mr Brian Lord presented the greyhound 'Got A Deal' for the purpose of competing in race 12 at the Temora meeting on 27 December 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Prohibited Substance(s):** Meloxicam

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue a fine of \$500 and a 4-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Lord not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 5 February 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Got A Deal" at the Temora meeting on 27 December 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Meloxicam at mass concentration of greater than 2 nanograms per millimetre.

## DECISION:

1. Mr Lord is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of “Got A Deal” (“the Greyhound”). The Greyhound competed in race 12 of the Temora meeting on 27 December 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Meloxicam.
3. Meloxicam at mass concentration of greater than 2 nanograms per millimetre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(f) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 6 March 2024 Mr Lord was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 6 March 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Lord 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 Mr Lord to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Sunday 10 March 2024 Mr Lord attended a hearing conducted via telephone conference and:
  - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
  - b) made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Lord’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 Lord:

**Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a fine of \$500 and a 4-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr. Lord not breaching this or any like rule in this period.

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

- Mr Lord's guilty plea (25% reduction)
- Mr Lord's 60-year registration history with no like prior offences
- Mr. Lord's forthright evidence and personal circumstances
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 12 at the Temora meeting on 27 December 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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