



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Friday 5 April 2024
Decision-maker:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch and Senior Steward Dean Degan
Name of relevant person:	Tia Robertson
Track:	Wentworth Park
Date:	19 April 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Tia Robertson presented the greyhound 'Not Wanted' for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 15 April 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Guaifenesin
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1,000

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 post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Not Wanted" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 15 April 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Ms Robertson is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Not Wanted" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 15 April 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Guaifenesin.
3. Guaifenesin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Tuesday 19 March 2024 Ms Robertson was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 19 March 2024 the decision makers charged Ms Robertson 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.

...

(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 a fine of \$2000 and invited Ms Robertson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Sunday 24 March 2024 Ms Robertson’s legal representative provided written submissions in relation to the charge and

- Entered a plea of guilty; and
- Made written submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Robertson’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Robertson:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1,000

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Ms Robertson’s guilty plea
 - Ms Robertson’s 20-year registration history with no prior offences
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 15 April 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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