

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	8 May 2024
Decision-makers:	Chief Commissioner Brenton (Alby) Taylor, and Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Collin Wasson
Rule no.:	R21(1)(a), R21(1)(c), R21(1)(d), R21(1)(e), R156(f)(ii), R156(o), Clause 10(3)
Charge(s):	<p>Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by arranging for the greyhound ‘Aston Shaker’ to be killed.</p> <p>Charge 2 – R156(o)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by lodging a Death Notification form which was known to contain false information.</p> <p>Charge 3 – R156(f)(ii)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by arranging for an unnamed greyhound to be killed.</p> <p>Charge 4 – R156(o)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by lodging a Death Notification form which was known to contain false information.</p> <p>Charge 5 – R156(f)(ii)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by arranging for the Greyhound ‘Qatar Angel’ to be killed.</p> <p>Charge 6 – Clause 10(3)</p> <p>Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to notify the Commission of the death of a Greyhound in his custody.</p>

Charge 7 – R156(f)(ii)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by arranging for the greyhound 'Pennyroyal Tea' to be killed.

Charge 8 – Clause 10(3)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to notify the Commission of the death of a Greyhound in his custody.

Charge 9 – R21(1)(c)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to maintain kennels constructed to a standard approved by the Controlling Body and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Charge 10 – R21(1)(c)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to maintain kennels constructed to a standard approved by the Controlling Body and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.

Charge 11 – R21(1)(d)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to provide veterinary attention to a greyhound in his custody.

Charge 12 – R21(1)(d)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to provide veterinary attention to a greyhound in his custody.

Charge 13 – R21(1)(d)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to provide veterinary attention to a greyhound in his custody.

Charge 14 – R21(1)(a)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to provide sufficient sustenance to a greyhound in his custody.

Charge 15 – R21(1)(d)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by failing to provide veterinary attention to a greyhound in his custody.

Charge 16 – R21(1)(e)

Mr. Wasson did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, by failing to seek veterinary treatment for injured greyhounds in his custody.

Plea: Guilty to all charges

DECISION:

1. Mr. Wasson was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On Wednesday 27 March 2024 Mr Wasson was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). The Notice issued 16 charges against him for breaches of the following Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”) and of the Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019 (“**Regulation**”):

Rule 21(1), Rules

(1) A person must ensure that any greyhound in the person’s care or custody, is at all times provided with:

(a) proper and sufficient food, drink and protective apparel;

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(c) kennels constructed and of a standard approved by a Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition;

(d) veterinary attention when necessary;

(e) appropriate treatment for the greyhound if the person is in charge of a sick or injured greyhound.

Rule 156, Rules

An offence is committed if a person (including an official)

(f) Has in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards:

...

ii. Constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper

...

(o) makes or publishes any statement known by the person to be false where the publication is to:

i. a member of a Controlling Body;

ii. an officer of a Controlling Body;

iii. an employee of a Controlling Body; or

iv. an officiating veterinarian or official in the course of them performing their functions.

Clause 10(3). Greyhound Racing Regulation

(1) A greyhound racing industry participant who owns or keeps a greyhound must, in accordance with this clause, provide the following information to the Commission-

(e) if the greyhound dies – details relating to the date, time and location of the death and circumstances surrounding the death (including the cause of death, if known)

(2) If the Commission approves a manner or form for providing information required by this clause, the information must be provided in the approved manner or form.

(3) A greyhound racing industry participant who is required to provide information to the Commission under this clause must do so-

(b) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1) (e) – not more than 2 days after the death of the greyhound...

3. The Notice invited Mr Wasson to attend a hearing on 4 April 2024 and to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.

4. On 18 April Mr Wasson advised decision makers by email that he wished to enter a plea of guilty to all charges and provide written submissions.

5. Following consideration of Mr Wasson’s’ plea and written submissions, the decision-makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him to be served concurrently:

Charge 1 – Life Disqualification.

Charge 2 – 8 Months Disqualification

Charge 3 – Life Disqualification

Charge 4 – 8 Months Disqualification

Charge 5 – Life Disqualification

Charge 6 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 7 – Life Disqualification

Charge 8 – 8 Months Disqualification

Charge 9 – 8 Months Disqualification

Charge 10 – 8 Months Disqualification

Charge 11 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 12 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 13 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 14 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 15 – 2 Years Disqualification

Charge 16 –2 Years Disqualification

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

- Mr. Wasson's guilty plea and written submissions;
- Mr. Wasson's disciplinary history;
- The principal objectives of the Commission being to promote and protect greyhound welfare and to maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry; and
- The objectively serious nature of the offences including attempting to mislead the Commission by concealing his actions.

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