



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 28 May 2024
Decision-maker:	Steward Jason Hodder and Steward Geoff Page
Name of relevant person:	Scott Board
Track:	Wentworth Park
Date:	21 February 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Scott Board presented the greyhound 'Spring Commander' for the purpose of competing in race 3 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 21 February 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Carprofen
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1000, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr. Board not breaching this, or any like rule, in the 12-month period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 2 April 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Spring Commander" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 21 February 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Carprofen.

DECISION:

1. Mr Board is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Spring Commander" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 21 February 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Carprofen.

3. Carprofen at mass concentration of greater than 5 nanograms per millimetre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(b) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 22 May 2024 Mr Board was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 22 May 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Board 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 proposed a penalty of a Two Month Suspension and invited Mr Board to attend a hearing on Tuesday 28 May 2024 to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 28 May 2024 Mr. Board;
 - Entered a plea of guilty;
 - Entered written submissions; and
 - Made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Board’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 Board:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1000 wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months subject to Mr. Board not breaching this, or any like rule, in the 12-month period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Board’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Board’s 30 year registration history with no like prior offences
 - The participant submitted written evidence from their treating veterinarian which offered a plausible explanation for the presence of Carprofen at the detected level.

- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 21 February 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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