



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Wednesday 15 May 2024

Decision-maker: Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Peter Phillips

Name of relevant person: Raymond Lee

Track: The Gardens

Date: 26 January 2024

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Raymond Lee presented the greyhound 'Kinloch Babe' for the purpose of competing in race 9 at The Gardens meeting on 26 January 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Meloxicam

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a suspension of 9 months,

With the suspension to commence following the expiration of Mr. Lee's existing suspension on 4 June 2024 and expire 4 March 2025

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 6 March 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Kinloch Babe" at The Gardens meeting on 26 January 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Lee is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Kinloch Babe" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 9 of The Gardens meeting on 26 January 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-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 10 May 2024 Mr Lee was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 10 May 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Lee 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 of a twelve-month suspension and invited Mr Lee to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Monday 13 May 2024 Mr Lee contacted decision makers and:
 - a) made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Lee’s submissions, as well as all available evidence. Whilst Mr. Lee did not formally enter a plea, decision makers considered the verbal submissions a plea of guilty. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Lee:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a suspension of 9 months

With the suspension to commence following the expiration of Mr Lee’s existing suspension on 4 June 2024 and expire 4 March 2025

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Lee’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Lee’s registration history, with two prior offences for a like substance within the past eighteen months
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at The Gardens meeting on 26 January 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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