



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Wednesday 21 June 2023
Decision-maker: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Michael Hall
Name of relevant person: Glen Collett
Date: 24 April 2020 – 2 November 2022
Rule no.: 21(1)(c), 30, 148(1)(a), 151(1) and 156(h)
Charge(s):

Charge 1 Rule (148(1)(a))

That Mr. Collett had in his possession two substances that were not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (“**APVMA**”)

Charge 2 Rule (151(1))

That Mr. Collett failed to keep or retain records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics or treatments administered to Greyhounds that were in his care.

Charge 3 (Rule 30)

That Mr Collett used barking muzzles on greyhounds in his care in circumstances that were not approved by the Controlling Body.

Charge 4 (Rule 21(1)(c))

That Mr Collett failed to provide kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Charge 5 (Rule 156(h))

That Mr Collett failed to comply with a lawful order of a person authorised by the Controlling Body

Plea:

Charge 1:	Guilty
Charge 2:	Guilty
Charge 3:	Guilty
Charge 4:	Guilty
Charge 5:	Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a 6-week suspension and \$900 fine, wholly and conditionally suspended for 2 years subject to Mr. Collett not breaching these, or any like, rule(s).

INVESTIGATION

1. On 24 April 2020 GWIC Inspectors attended Mr Collett's premises for the purpose of conducting a kennel inspection where several deficiencies were identified with his kennels. As a result, Mr Collett was issued with written work directions on 28 April 2020 requiring him to address the identified deficiencies.
2. On 17 December 2020 a GWIC Inspector attended Mr Collett's premises to conduct a follow up kennel inspection. During the inspection it was found that the kennels remained deficient. Mr Collett was also directed not to use any item on the form of a barking muzzle on greyhounds in his care.
3. On 28 October 2022 a GWIC Inspector attended Mr Collett's premises and found four greyhounds with barking muzzles affixed.
4. On 2 November 2022 GWIC Inspectors again attended the premises of Mr Collett and identified several deficiencies with the kennels, seized 8 items used as barking muzzles, two substances not registered by the APVMA and no treatment records for greyhounds in his care.

DECISION:

1. Mr Collett is a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission
2. On Wednesday 7 June 2023 Mr Collett was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
3. In the Notice issued 7 June 2023 the decision makers proposed the following penalties:

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| Charge 1: | To issue a fine of \$300 |
| Charge 2: | To issue a fine of \$500 |
| Charge 3: | To issue a fine of \$1000 |
| Charge 4: | To issue a 2-month suspension |
| Charge 5: | To issue a 4-month suspension |

Mr Collett was charged with the following offences of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which read:

Rule 21 Proper care for and welfare of greyhounds

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

...

(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;

(2) A person must exercise the care and supervision necessary to prevent a greyhound under the person's care or custody from being subjected to unnecessary pain or suffering, or from anything which is likely to lead to unnecessary pain or suffering.

Rule 30 Use of Barking Muzzles prohibited

(1) For the purpose of this rule "Barking Muzzle" means a muzzle of such description or other gear, equipment, apparatus or device, which in the opinion of the Stewards was designed or intended to be used in a manner that prevents or limits barking by restricting the ability of a greyhound to open its mouth.

(2) An offence is committed if a person uses a Barking Muzzle at any time, on any greyhound, unless:

- (a) In circumstances approved by a Controlling Body; or
- (b) Used by a veterinarian for the sole purpose of examination or treatment.

Rule 148 Possession of a prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance and other rules in relation to certain substances

(1) A person must not, without the express permission of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, possess any prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance (including any other medication, medicine, injectable substance, supplement, herbal product or therapeutic good) that:

(a) Is not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA);

Rule 151 Treatment records to be kept

(1) The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhounds:

(a) From the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care; and

(b) For minimum of two years.

Rule 156 General offences

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

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(h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

4. The Notice invited Mr Collett to attend a hearing on Wednesday 21 June 2023 via Microsoft Teams to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.

5. At the hearing held on Wednesday 21 June Mr Collett;

- pleaded guilty to all charges; and
- made verbal submissions.

6. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Collett's pleas and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Collett:

- Charge 1:** To issue a fine of \$150
- Charge 2:** To issue a fine of \$250
- Charge 3:** To issue a fine of \$500
- Charge 4:** To issue a 2-week suspension
- Charge 5:** To issue a 1-month suspension

The Decision-Makers ordered that charges 1, 2 and 3, and charges 4 and 5 be served cumulatively, however the penalty be wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 2 years.

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

- Mr Collett's guilty plea's
- Mr Collett's participation within the industry spanning over 50 years.
- Mr Collett's unblemished disciplinary record
- Mr Collett's personal circumstances
- His forthright evidence and co-operation during the enquiry.

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