



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Tuesday 2 May 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan, and Steward Michael Hall
Name of relevant person:	Raymond Lee
Track	The Gardens
Date:	24 February 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Raymond Lee presented the greyhound 'My Brockie' for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Gardens meeting on 24 February 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To suspend Mr. Lee's licences for a period of three months, commencing Midnight 10th May 2023 and expiring Midnight 10 August 2023.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 29 March 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "My Brockie" at the Gardens meeting on 24 February 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the New Zealand Racing Laboratory Services confirming the presence of Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine.

DECISION:

1. Mr Lee is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "My Brockie" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 3 of the Gardens meeting on 24 February 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine.

3. Caffeine and its metabolites Theophylline, Paraxanthine and Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Friday 28 April 2023 Mr Lee was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 28 April 2023 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.

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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 four-month suspension and invited Mr Lee to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Tuesday 2 May 2023 Mr Lee attended a hearing held via phone and:
 - a) entered a plea of guilty and;
 - b) made verbal submissions.

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Lee'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 Lee:

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

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Lee's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Lee's registration history and good record
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Gardens meeting on 24 February 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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