



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 23 March 2022

Decision-makers: Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, Director of Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch, and Legal Officer, Annalese Summerson-Hingston

Name of relevant person: Mr Allan Lang

Track: Casino

Date: 4 November 2021

Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)

Charge(s): (1) Mr Lang presented the greyhound 'Four More Guy' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Casino meeting on 4 November 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance;

Prohibited Substance(s): Ketoprofen

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$1000.00

Charge

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 13 December 2021, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Four More Guy' ("Greyhound") at the Casino meeting on 4 November 2021.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, confirming the presence of ketoprofen.

Evidence, plea and submissions

On 23 February 2022 Mr Lang was issued with a Notice of Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") in relation to the charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action. Mr Lang was also provided with a brief of evidence for the charge.

On 23 March 2022 Mr Lang was issued with the Proposed Disciplinary Action (Penalty), outlining penalty decision makers were proposing in relation to his matter, subject to his plea, his submissions at the hearing and whether the charge was found proven or not proven.

On 23 March 2022 Mr Lang attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers, entered a plea of guilty and made submissions in relation to the charge.

The decision makers accepted Mr Lang's plea and submissions and issued the following decision.

DECISION:

1. Mr Lang is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Casino meeting on 4 November 2021 ("First Event"). Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of ketoprofen. Ketoprofen is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The decision makers charged Mr Lang with the offence under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:

(2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

4. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Lang:

Charge (Rule 83(2)(a), 4 November 2021): Fine of \$1000.00

5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
 - The length of time Mr Lang has held a trainer registration, being since 2007, a period of approximately 15 years;
 - Mr Lang's disciplinary history – noting this was his first breach of Rule 83(2)(a) in his long association with the greyhound industry;
 - Mr Lang's plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity; and
 - Mr Lang's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including the likely source of the positive result, the amendments to his animal husbandry practises and his remorse.
6. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Casino meeting on 4 November 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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