



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** Friday 5 May 2023

**Decision-maker:** Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Michael Hall, Steward Craig Easey

**Name of relevant person:** Steven Kemp

**Track:** Wagga

**Date:** 13 January 2023

**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a)

**Charge(s):**

Mr Steven Kemp presented the greyhound 'Zipping Glamour' for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Wagga meeting on 13 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Prohibited Substance(s):** Cobalt

**Plea:** Guilty

**Disciplinary action taken:** To issue a ten-week suspension, commencing Midnight Tuesday 9 May and expiring Midnight Tuesday 18 July

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 21 February 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Zipping Glamour" at the Wagga meeting on 13 January 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Cobalt at or in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

## DECISION:

1. Mr Kemp is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of the greyhound.
2. “Zipping Glamour” (“**Greyhound**”) competed in race 4 of the Wagga meeting on 13 January 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Cobalt which is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
3. On Tuesday 28 March 2023 Mr Kemp was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
4. In the Notice issued on 28 March 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Kemp 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.

5. The Notice proposed a penalty of a four-month suspension for each charge and invited Mr Kemp to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
6. On Friday 5 May 2023, Mr Kemp entered a plea of guilty and entered written submissions.
7. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Kemp’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 Kemp:  
**Charge – Rule 141(1)(a):** To suspend Mr Kemp’s registrations for a period of 10 weeks
8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Kemp’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
  - His record and registration history

- His cooperative and forthright evidence.
- One prior positive substance matter 2017
- GWIC penalty guidelines

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Wagga meeting on 13 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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