



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 31 May 2023

Decision-makers: Senior Steward, Kevin Adams, Steward Peter Phillips and Steward, Sam Woolaston

Name of relevant person: Miss Dana Burns

Date: Various

Rule no: 156(w)

Charge(s): Miss Burns knowingly accepted greyhounds into her custody in breach of clause 7 of the Greyhound Transfer Policy.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken:
29-week disqualification commencing midnight Saturday 3 June and expiring 12:01am on Saturday 23 December 2023

INVESTIGATION:

1. On 10 October 2022, Miss Burns accepted two greyhounds (“Greyhounds”) under her trainer registration from a participant subject to an interim suspension at all material times. This other participant was considered a close associate of Miss Burns, and the transfer was therefore in breach of the Greyhound Transfer Policy.
2. On 18 October 2022, the transfer of the Greyhounds was reversed by GWIC.
3. On 3 November 2022, the greyhounds were transferred to a third party, from whom they were then transferred back into Miss Burn’s trainership on 22 November 2022.
4. By receiving these greyhounds into her custody whilst the original trainer remained subject to an interim suspension, Miss Burns breached clause 7 of the GWIC Transfer Policy.

DECISION:

5. On Friday 28 April 2023 Miss Burns was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
6. In the Notice issued on 28 April 2023 the decision makers charged Miss Burns with an offence under Rule 156(w) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Charge - Rule 156(w)

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

(w) fails to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by a Controlling Body

6. The decision makers proposed a total penalty of a nine-month disqualification and invited Miss Burns to a hearing to be held on 30 May 2023.
7. A representative assisting in the inquiry on Miss Burn's behalf contacted the decision makers on Monday 29 May 2023 and entered a plea of guilty and provided written submissions in response to the charge on Miss Burn's behalf.
8. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - The Commissions objectives pursuant to the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017*, being to:
 - safeguard the integrity of greyhound racing and betting; and
 - maintain public confidence in the greyhound racing industry.
 - The objective seriousness of the conduct;
 - Miss Burn's plea of guilty to the charge, resulting in a 25% discount being afforded to the initially proposed penalty of a 9-month disqualification;
 - Those submissions entered on Miss Burn's behalf.

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