



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

- Date of decision:** 27 June 2022
- Decision-makers:** Director Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch and Senior Steward, Kevin Adams.
- Name of relevant person:** Mr Jason Duclos
- Track:** N/A
- Date:** February 2022
- Rule no.:** Clause 10, Rule 86(x) x2
- Charges:**
- (1) Mr Duclos allowed for his greyhound, 'Cosmic Luna' ("**Greyhound**"), to be collected and housed by an unregistered participant, without appropriately notifying the Commission.
  - (2) Mr Duclos made a false statement to a member of the Controlling Body when questioned about the location of the Greyhound.
  - (3) Mr Duclos made a second false statement to a member of the Controlling Body when questioned about the location of the Greyhound.
- Disciplinary action taken:**
- (1) To issue a fine in the total sum of \$1000.00
  - (2) To disqualify Mr Duclos for four (4) months;
  - (3) To disqualify Mr Duclos for four (4) months;
- with the penalties for charges 2 and 3 to be concurrent.

**BACKGROUND**

1. Mr Duclos at all relevant times was a registered Owner Trainer with the Commission and is the registered owner of Cosmic Luna ("**Greyhound**").
2. On 18 February 2022 Mr Duclos was questioned by Steward Jason Hodder in relation to the location of the Greyhound.
3. On 7 March 2022 Mr Duclos was interviewed by Chief Inspector, David O'Shannessy, regarding the movements of the Greyhounds between the 15 February and 18 February 2022.

## DECISION:

4. On 8 June 2022 Mr Duclos was issued with a notice of charge and 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. In the Notice, the decision makers charged Mr Duclos with a breach of Clause 10 the *Greyhound Racing Regulation 2019* and two breaches of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules, which respectively read:

### **Clause 10, Regulation**

(1) A greyhound racing industry participant who owns or keeps a greyhound must, in accordance with this clause, provide the following information to the Commission—

...

- (c) if there is a change in the premises at which the greyhound is ordinarily kept—  
details of the change of premises

....

(3) A greyhound racing participant who is required to provide information to the Commission under this clause must do so-

- (a) in the circumstances referred to in subclause (1)(c) – not more than 3 days after the change of premises...

### **Rule 86, Rules**

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

...

- (x) makes any statement which to his/her knowledge is false either oral by, by print, in writing, by electronic means or by any combination thereof to a member of the Controlling Body, an officer of the Controlling Body, an employee of the Controlling Body, a veterinary surgeon or an official in the execution of his/her duty

5. The decision makers invited Mr Duclos to attend a hearing on 27 June 2022 to enter a plea in relation to the charge and make submissions in relation to the charge and the proposed disciplinary action.
6. On 27 June 2022 Mr Duclos attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers. Mr Duclos entered a plea of guilty to the Charges and made verbal submissions.
7. In considering the matter, the decision makers reviewed the brief of evidence, as well as Mr Duclos’ plea and submissions. The decision makers found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Duclos:

**Charge 1 (Clause 10, Regulation) :** To issue a fine in the sum of \$1000.00

**Charge 2 (Rule 86(x), Rules) :** To disqualify Mr Duclos for 4-months

**Charge 3 (Rule 86(x), Rules) :** To disqualify Mr Duclos for 4-months

With periods of disqualification to be served concurrently.

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

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
- The length of time Mr Duclos has been involved in the greyhound racing industry, being since 2013, a period of approximately 9 years;
- Mr Duclos' lack of any previous disciplinary history;
- Mr Duclos' submission in relation to the circumstances around the kennelling of the Greyhound at the unregistered persons residence;
- Mr Duclos' sincere remorse and accountability of his actions.

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