



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 8 June 2021

Decision-makers: A/Senior Legal Officer, Alice Stafford, Chief Inspector, David OShannessy and Senior Steward, Dean Degan

Name of relevant person: Mr Walter King

Track: Richmond

Date: 3 February 2021

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr King presented the greyhound 'Penny's Choice' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 7 at the Richmond meeting on 3 February 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Levamisole and aminorex

Disciplinary action taken: \$2,000.00 fine

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Penny's Choice' ("**Greyhound**") at the Richmond meeting on 3 February 2021.

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

Mr King denied the charge.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

DECISION:

1. Mr King is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 7 of the Richmond meeting on 3 February 2021 ("**Event**"). Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The pre-Event swab revealed the presence of levamisole and aminorex. Levamisole and aminorex are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The Commission charged Mr King with an 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;
 - ...shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr King denied the charge, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr King:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$2,000.00.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr King has held a trainer registration for approximately 36 years;
 - Mr King has no relevant prior matters in his disciplinary history;
 - Mr King's plea of not guilty to the offence;
 - NSW greyhound racing precedents; and
 - Mr King's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his good character and record and a reasonable explanation for the likely source of the positive result being from the worm tablets given to his greyhounds.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 7 at the Richmond meeting on 3 February 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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