



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 23 April 2021

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

Name of relevant person: Mr Robert Andrews

Track: Casino

Date: 10 December 2020

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

Charge(s): (1) Mr Andrews presented the greyhound 'Greb's Drinking' ("**Greyhound**") for the purposes of competing in race 5 at the Casino meeting on 10 December 2020 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited Substance(s): Tolfenamic Acid

Disciplinary action taken: \$900.00 fine

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Greb's Drinking' ("**Greyhound**") at the Casino meeting on 10 December 2020.

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

Mr Andrews admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Andrews is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 5 of the Casino meeting on 10 December 2020 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of tolfenamic acid. Tolfenamic acid is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.

3. The Commission charged Mr Andrews 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;

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shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

4. Mr Andrews admitted 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 Andrews:

To impose a fine in the sum of \$900.00.

6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Andrews has held a public trainer registration for approximately 15 years;
- Mr Andrews has one prior prohibited substance matter in his disciplinary history involving cobalt which was dealt with by way of a 12-week suspension in 2016;
- Mr Andrews' admission of the charge at the earliest opportunity;
- Submissions made by Mr Andrews' in mitigation of penalty, including the likely source of the positive result being from the meat fed to his greyhound; and
- NSW greyhound racing precedents.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 5 at the Casino meeting on 10 December 2020 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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