



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Thursday 11 April 2024
Decision-maker: Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Sam Woolaston
Name of relevant person: Robert Barnden
Track: The Gardens
Date: 6 January 2024
Rule no.: 141(1)(a)
Charge(s): Mr Robert Barnden presented the greyhound 'Rum Night' for the purposes of competing in race 12 at The Gardens meeting on 6 January 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s): Ketoprofen
Plea: Guilty
Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$750

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 14 February 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Rum Night" at The Gardens meeting on 6 January 2024.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Ketoprofen.

DECISION:

1. Mr Barnden is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Rum Night" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 12 of The Gardens meeting on 6 January 2024. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Ketoprofen.

3. Ketoprofen is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On 19 March 2024 Mr Barnden was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 19 March 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Barnden 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.

6. The Notice proposed a penalty of a two-month suspension and invited Mr Barnden to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Sunday April 7, 2024, Mr Barnden contacted decision makers and:
 - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
 - b) made written submissions

8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Barnden'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 Barnden:

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Barnden's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Barnden's 43-year registration history with no like prior offences
 - Personal and professional circumstances
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 12 at The Gardens meeting on 6 January 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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