

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 15 July 2021

Decision-makers: David OShannessy, Chief Inspector, Dean Degan, Senior Steward & Alice Stafford, Acting Senior Legal Officer

Name of relevant person: Mrs Sharon Grey

Track: N/A

Date: 13 March 2021

Rule no.: Rule 86(ag) x 2

Charge(s): (1) Mrs Grey failed to make any genuine attempt to rehome the greyhound 'Aussie As' prior to euthanasia of the greyhound on 13 March 2021 in accordance with clause 5 of the *GWIC Greyhound Re-homing Policy*;

(2) Mrs Grey failed to provide a *Notification of Intent to Euthanase a Greyhound* form 10 days prior to euthanasia of a greyhound as required under clause 10 of the *GWIC Greyhound Re-homing Policy*.

Disciplinary action taken:

Charge 1: 12-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months;

Charge 2: No further action upon consideration of the penalty issued for Charge 1.

DECISION:

1. Mrs Grey has been a registered greyhound trainer for approximately 22 years.
2. At all material times, Mrs Grey was the owner and trainer of the greyhound 'Aussie As' ("**Greyhound**").
3. On 13 March 2021 Mrs Grey arranged for the Greyhound to be euthanased. The treating veterinarian attended at her property and euthanased the Greyhound that same date.

4. Mrs Grey did not attempt to re-home the Greyhound prior to having him euthanased.
5. Mrs Grey did not provide the Commission with a *Notification of Intent to Euthanase a Greyhound* form.
6. On 18 March 2021 the Commission Registration Team received an *Euthanasia of Greyhound Notification Form* dated 13 March 2021 in relation to the Greyhound. The reason for the euthanasia was listed as at owner's request.
7. The Commission charged Mrs Grey with two (2) offences under Rule 86(ag) which reads:
A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-
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(ag) fails to comply with a policy adopted by a Controlling Body
8. On 15 July 2021, this matter was heard by the Commission in a hearing via audio-visual software. During the hearing, Mrs Grey plead guilty to both charges, gave oral evidence and made further submissions in mitigation of penalty.
9. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Grey:

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| Charge 1: | To suspend Mrs Grey for a period of 12-weeks, wholly suspended on the condition that she not breach Rule 86(ag) or any like Rules within a 12-month period; |
| Charge 2: | To take no further action against Mrs Grey upon consideration of the penalty issued for Charge 1. |

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW and other jurisdictions;
 - Mrs Grey's admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity;
 - The length of time Mrs Grey has held a registration in the greyhound racing industry, approximately 22 years;
 - Mrs Grey's previous disciplinary history, having no relevant prior history;
 - The oral evidence and submissions of Mrs Grey, including in relation to her personal and financial circumstances, the particular circumstances leading to the offending, and her remorse.

.....End.....