



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	26 October 2021
Decision-makers:	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt, A/Deputy Chief Inspector, Shaye Barrow and Director, Race Day Operations & Integrity, Wade Birch
Name of relevant person:	Mr Barry Harmey
Track:	Richmond
Date:	4 July 2021
Rule no.:	Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	(1) Mr Harmey presented the greyhound 'Kate's Dream' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 4 July 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide
Disciplinary action taken:	8-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended

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, 'Kate's Dream' ("**Greyhound**") at the Richmond meeting on 4 July 2021.

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

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Harmey is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Richmond meeting on 4 July 2021 ("**Event**"). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide. Chlorothiazide and hydrochlorothiazide are prohibited substances under Rule 1 of the Rules.

3. The Commission charged Mr Harmey 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 Harmey 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 Harmey:

To suspend his registration for a period of 8-week suspension, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Harmey does not breach Rule 83(2)(a) or any like rules.

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

- Mr Harmey has held a trainer registration for approximately 37 years;
- Mr Harmey lack of any relevant disciplinary history;
- NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents; and
- Mr Harmey's submissions in mitigation of penalty, including in relation to his personal circumstances.

7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 4 July 2021 pursuant to Rule 83(4) of the Rules.

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