

**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** 21 October 2021

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

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Dominic Gatt

**Date:** 14 March 2021

**Rule no.:** Rule 86(ag) x2

**Charge(s):** (1) On 14 March 2021 Mr Gatt failed to comply with Clause 5 of the *Greyhound Re-homing Policy*;  
(2) On 14 March 2021 Mr Gatt failed to comply with Clause 10 of the *Greyhound Re-homing Policy*.

**Disciplinary action taken:**

Charge 1: Formal warning;

Charge 2: 12-week suspension, wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months.

**DECISION:**

1. At all relevant times, Mr Gatt was a registered greyhound Owner Trainer and Breeder.
2. On 4 November 2020 Mr Gatt became the registered owner and trainer of 'Boston Focus' ("**Greyhound**"). He remained the registered owner and trainer of the Greyhound from that date.
3. On 14 March 2021 Mr Gatt took the Greyhound to Rossmore Veterinary Clinic to be euthanased. The Greyhound was euthanased that same date.
4. Mr Gatt made admissions that he did not make any attempt to re-home the Greyhound prior to its euthanasia, nor did he provide the required *Notification of Intent to Euthanasia* form 10 days prior to euthanasia.
5. On review of the evidence in this matter, the Commission charged Mr Gatt with two (2) breaches of Rule 86(ag) of the Rules. These rules respectively read:

**Rule 86**

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

6. Mr Gatt pleaded not guilty to the charges, provided written submissions in response to the charges and elected to have the matter dealt with on the papers.
7. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Gatt:

Charge 1 (Clause 5):	To issue Mr Gatt with a formal warning;
Charge 2 (Clause 10):	To issue Mr Gatt a 12-week suspension, wholly suspended for a period of 12 months on the condition that Mr Gatt does not breach Rule 86(ag) or any similar Rules during that 12-month period.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence and submissions, including:
  - The objective seriousness of Mr Gatt's conduct;
  - The length of time Mr Gatt has held a trainer registration in the NSW greyhound racing industry, being since 1986, approximately 35 years;
  - Mr Gatt's disciplinary history – he has no like matters on his record;
  - Mr Gatt's denial of both of the charges; and
  - The submissions made by and on Mr Gatt's behalf in relation to this matter, in particular in relation to the particular circumstances of the offending.

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