



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	24 February 2022
Decision-makers:	Director Compliance, Policy & Legal, Matthew Tutt and Legal Officer, Annalese Summerson-Hingston
Name of relevant person:	Mrs Jody Manuel
Track:	Richmond
Date:	4 October 2021
Rule no.:	Rule 83(2)(a)
Charge(s):	(1) Mrs Manuel presented the greyhound 'Lenny's Chevy' (" Greyhound ") for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Richmond meeting on 4 October 2021 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance;
Prohibited Substance(s):	Loperamide
Disciplinary action taken:	Fine of \$1,000.00

Charge

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 26 November 2021, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Lenny's Chevy' ("**Greyhound**") at the Richmond meeting on 4 October 2021.

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

Evidence, plea and submissions

On 11 February 2022 Mrs Manuel was issued with a notice of proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**") in relation to the first charge, setting out the proposed disciplinary action to be taken and the grounds in support of that proposed disciplinary action. Mrs Manuel was also provided with a brief of evidence for the charge.

On 24 February 2022 Mrs Manuel attended the scheduled hearing with the decision makers, entered a plea of guilty and made submissions in relation to the charge.

The decision makers accepted Mrs Manuel's plea and submissions and issued the following decision.

DECISION:

1. Mrs Manuel is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 4 of the Richmond meeting on 4 October 2021 (“**First Event**”). Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of loperamide. Loperamide is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules.
3. The decision makers charged Mrs Manuel with the 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. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mrs Manuel:

Charge (Rule 83(2)(a), 21 August 2021):	To issue a fine of \$1,000 pursuant to section 59(1)(c) of the Act.
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5. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Greyhound racing penalty precedents in NSW;
- The length of time Mrs Manuel has held a trainer registration, being since 2006, a period of approximately 16 years;
- Mrs Manuel’s disciplinary history – noting this was her first substance breach in her association with the greyhound industry;
- Mrs Manuel’s plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity; and
- Mrs Manuel’s submissions in mitigation of penalty, including her explanation of the likely source of the positive result, her review of and amendments to her animal husbandry practices, and her remorse.

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

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