



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

<b>Date of decision:</b>	Thursday 1 February 2024
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Steward Peter Phillips and Senior Steward Kevin Adams
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Raymond Lee
<b>Track</b>	The Gardens
<b>Date:</b>	18 October 2023
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Raymond Lee presented the greyhound 'Kinloch Babe' for the purposes of competing in race 9 at The Gardens meeting on 18 October 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Meloxicam
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To issue a suspension of 4 months, to commence 4 February 2024 and expire 4 June 2024

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 4 December 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Kinloch Babe" at The Gardens meeting on 18 October 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Meloxicam at mass concentration of greater than 2 nanograms per millimetre.

**DECISION:**

1. Mr Lee is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Kinloch Babe" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 9 of The Gardens meeting on 18 October 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Meloxicam.
3. Meloxicam at mass concentration of greater than 2 nanograms per millimetre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(f) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 11 January 2024 Mr Lee was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 11 January 2024 the decision makers charged Mr Lee 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.

...

(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 six-month suspension and invited Mr Lee to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Thursday 1 February 2024 Mr Lee attended a hearing held at The Gardens Race Club and:
  - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
  - b) made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Lee’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 Lee:

**Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a suspension of 4 months, to commence 4 February 2024 and expire 4 June 2024

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Lee’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
  - Mr Lee’s registration history, with a prior offence for a like substance within the past twelve months
  - GWIC penalty guidelines
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 9 at The Gardens meeting on 18 October 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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