



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 8 July 2024
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Shane O'Shea
Name of relevant person:	Beverley Sloan
Track:	Gosford
Date:	30 April 2024
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Beverley Sloan presented the greyhound 'I'm Exhibit Two' for the purposes of competing in race 1 at the Gosford meeting on 30 April 2024 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Cimetidine
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1000, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months conditional on Ms Sloan not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 30 May 2024, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "I'm Exhibit Two" at the Gosford meeting on 30 April 2024.

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

DECISION:

1. Ms Sloan is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "I'm Exhibit Two" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Gosford meeting on 30 April 2024. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Cimetidine.
3. Cimetidine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On 3 July 2024 Ms Sloan was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 3 July 2024 the decision makers charged Ms Sloan 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 two-month suspension and invited Ms Sloan to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On 8 July 2024, Ms Sloan attended a hearing held at the Maitland Greyhound Club and:
 - a) entered a plea of guilty; and
 - b) made verbal submissions
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Sloan’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Sloan:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$1000, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months conditional on Ms Sloan not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Ms Sloan’s guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Ms Sloan’s 52-year registration history with no like prior offences
 - Ms Sloan’s contributions to the industry
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at the Gosford meeting on 30 April 2024 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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