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GWIC sends clear message welfare complacency will not be tolerated

There will be no tolerance shown to participants who fail to provide the highest standards of welfare to their greyhounds.

That is the strong and clear message the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission has sent in imposing a 27-month disqualification on trainer Mr Christopher Carl for serious breaches of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

The Commission commenced an investigation following GWIC Inspectors attending the registered kennel address of Mr Carl.

The investigation found Mr Carl had committed a number of offences including: a failure to provide veterinary attention to greyhounds in his care; a failure to ensure greyhounds in his care were not subjected to unnecessary pain and suffering; a failure to provide adequate clean drinking water to greyhounds in his care; a failure keep medical treatment records; having expired medications and supplements in his possession; and non-compliant kennels.

The Commission's Chief Executive Officer, Mr Steve Griffin, said the disqualification imposed should leave no doubt that safeguarding the welfare of greyhounds holds the highest priority for GWIC.

"While serious breaches of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice are thankfully rare, the disciplinary action decision taken in this matter highlights the Commission's zeal in ensuring the highest standards of animal welfare in NSW," Mr Griffin said.

"The New South Wales greyhound racing industry has set the benchmark for welfare and integrity standards and nothing short of total compliance is acceptable.

"We know that the overwhelming majority of participants are doing the right thing, and cases like this are both disappointing and upsetting to participants who love their greyhounds."

Mr Carl was found guilty of eight charges and a total disqualification period of 27 months was imposed.

During this disqualification period, Mr Carl is prohibited from holding a registration within the greyhound racing industry, entering any place where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced, including race meetings, or engaging with other greyhound racing industry participants for the purpose of greyhound racing.

Mr Griffin said that this regulatory decision should both serve to maintain public confidence in the sport, and reaffirm that there is an industry-wide zero tolerance of poor animal welfare.

“Our message is simple - if you fail to provide good welfare to your greyhounds, you will be caught and removed from the industry. You could potentially face criminal action as well,” Mr Griffin said.

The Commission’s disciplinary action decision can be [found here](#) .

Mr Carl has the right to appeal the Commission’s decision. Whilst this appeal period remains open, the Commission will not be making any further comment at this time.

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