



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 11 October 2023
Decision-maker:	Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Jason Hodder
Name of relevant person:	Danny Keaney
Track:	Richmond
Date:	5 July 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Danny Keaney presented the greyhound 'Lost Script' for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 5 July 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Not Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Theobromine
Disciplinary action taken:	12-week suspension, to commence 12 October 2023 and to expire on Thursday 4 January 2024.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 2 August 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Lost Script" at the Richmond meeting on 5 July 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Keaney is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Lost Script" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 5 July 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-race swab revealed the presence of Theobromine.
3. Theobromine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Wednesday 27 September 2023 Mr Keaney was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 27 September 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 4-month suspension and charged Mr Keaney 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 invited Mr Keaney to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted on Wednesday 11 October 2023, Mr Keaney made verbal submissions and entered a plea of not guilty.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Keaney plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Keaney:

Charge 141 (1) (a): 12-week suspension, to commence 12 October 2023 and to expire on Thursday 4 January 2024.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Not guilty plea
 - Mr Keaney's approximate 40-year registration history
 - First offence
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
 - Personal and professional circumstances

- The decision-makers were unable to determine the cause for Theobromine being detected in the sample.

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 5 July 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules