

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 4 May 2020
Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind
Name of relevant person: Mr Robert Dannatt
Track: N/A – Non meeting
Date: 18 September 2019
Rule no.: Rule 79A(7), Rule 84(2)
Charge(s): (1) Mr Dannatt had in his possession at his registered kennels on 18 September 2019 a permanently banned prohibited substance, namely “Testaprop”;
(2) Mr Dannatt had in his possession at his registered kennels on 18 September 2019 a prohibited substance, namely “Promote”

Permanently banned

prohibited substance(s): Testaprop

Prohibited substance(s): Promote

Disciplinary action taken: Charge 1: 6 months disqualification
Charge 2: \$150.00 fine (wholly and conditionally suspended)

REPORT:

During an inspection of the kennels registered to Mr Dannatt, Commission Inspectors located two prohibited substances, including one permanently banned prohibited substance. These items were surrendered to the Inspectors.

After considering the evidence the Commission charged Mr Dannatt with a breach of Rules 79A(7) and 84(2) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”) in relation to the items found.

Mr Dannatt admitted the charges at the earliest opportunity.

The disciplinary action for the charges was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant’s election.

DECISION:

1. Mr Dannatt is, and was at the material time being on 18 September 2019, a registered greyhound trainer.
2. On 18 September 2019, Commission Inspectors attended the registered kennel address of Mr Dannatt to conduct an inspection.
3. During that inspection, the Inspectors discovered and had surrendered to them a small glass bottle of "Testaprop" and an unlabelled small brown bottle of "Promote".
4. Testaprop is a permanently banned prohibited substance and it is an offence to possess under Rule 79A(7) of the Rules. Promote is not registered with the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority and it is an offence to possess under Rule 84(2).
5. The Commission charged Mr Dannatt under Rule 79A(7) for the possession of Testaprop and under Rule 84(2) for possession of Promote, which read:

Rule 79A(7)

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- (7) If any substance or preparation that could give rise to an offence under this rule if administered to a greyhound at any time is found at any time at any premises used in relation to the training or racing of greyhounds then any registered person who owns, trains or races or is in charge of greyhounds at those premises is deemed to have the substance or preparation in their possession and such person shall be guilty of an offence and liable to penalty.

Rule 84

- (1) For the purpose of this Rule "possession" means any form of personal physical possession, or the on site control / storage, of a prohibited substance.
 - (2) A registered person who has in their possession at any place used in relation to the training or racing of a greyhound, any quantity of a prohibited substance commits an offence unless that substance has been registered or labelled, or prescribed, dispensed or obtained, in compliance with the relevant State or Commonwealth legislation. The Stewards may take possession of any of these substances or preparations to test and or destroy.
6. Mr Dannatt admitted the charges and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
 7. The Commission found the charges proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Dannatt:

Charge 1 (Rule 79A(7)): To disqualify his trainer registration for a period of 6 months;

Charge 2 (Rule 84(2)): To impose a fine in the amount of \$150 wholly suspended for a period of 12 month on the condition that Mr Dannatt does not breach Rule 84(2) of the Rules in that 12-month period.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
- Mr Dannatt has been a registered trainer within the greyhound industry for approximately 21 years;
 - Mr Dannatt admitted the charges at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Dannatt has no history of like matters;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty precedents.

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*Amended 12 May 2020.