



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 13 December 2019

Decision-maker: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Adam Oliver

Track: Wagga Wagga

Date: 18 August 2019

Rule no.: Rule 83(2)(a)

Charge(s): (1) Mr Oliver presented the greyhound 'Solo Ollie' ("Greyhound") for the purposes of competing in race 3 at the Wagga meeting on 18 August 2019 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Prohibited substance(s): Meloxicam

Disciplinary action taken: 9-week suspension; deferred commencement to 14 December 2019 under Rule 95(5)

REPORT:

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from the Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, 'Solo Ollie' ("Greyhound") at the Wagga meeting on 18 August 2019.

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

After considering the evidence, the Commission charged Mr Oliver with a breach of Rule 83(2)(a) of the Commission's Greyhound Racing Rules ("**Rules**") given that the post-race urine sample taken from the Greyhound confirmed the presence of prohibited substance meloxicam.

Mr Oliver admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity.

The disciplinary action was conducted in writing in accordance with the participant's election.

DECISION:

1. Mr Oliver is a registered greyhound trainer and the trainer of the Greyhound. The Greyhound competed in race 3 at the Wagga meeting on 18 August 2019 (“Event”) and a post-Event urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-Event swab revealed the presence of meloxicam. Meloxicam is a prohibited substance under Rule 1 of the Rules and category 5 prohibited substances under the NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines.
3. The Commission charged Mr Oliver under Rule 83(2)(a), which reads:
 - (2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
 - (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
 - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
 - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
4. Mr Oliver admitted the charge at the earliest opportunity, provided written submissions and elected to have the disciplinary proceeding conducted in writing.
5. The Commission found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Oliver:

To suspend his trainer registration for a period of 9 weeks.
6. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Oliver has been a registered trainer for a period of approximately 4 and a half years;
 - Mr Oliver has a history of a prior prohibited substance matter involving category 2 substances;
 - NSW greyhound racing penalty guidelines and precedents;
 - Mr Oliver’s admission at the earliest opportunity;
 - Mr Oliver’s submissions in mitigation of penalty including a reasonable explanation for the source of the positive swab, his good character and personal circumstances.
7. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 3 at the Wagga meeting on 18 August 2019 pursuant to Rule 83(4).

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