



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Monday 3 July 2023
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Dean Degan, Steward Michael Hall, and Steward Craig Easey
Name of relevant person:	Alan Clare
Track:	Wagga
Date:	27 January 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Alan Clare presented the greyhound 'Mystic Faith' for the purposes of competing in race 11 at the Wagga meeting on 27 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Dexamethasone
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1,000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 3 March 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Mystic Faith" at the Wagga meeting on 27 January 2023.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Clare is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Mystic Faith" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Wagga meeting on 27 January 2023. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of Dexamethasone.
3. Dexamethasone in excess of the screening limit of 200 pictograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 146(6)(c) of the Rules.

4. On Wednesday 5 April 2023 Mr Clare was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”).
5. In the Notice issued on 5 April 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Clare 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.

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(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 \$2000 fine and invited Mr Clare to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. After representations were made to decision makers, the hearing was adjourned, and a further hearing scheduled for Monday 3 July 2023
8. At the hearing held on Monday 3 July 2023 Mr Clare attended the hearing alongside a representative and:
 - Entered a plea of Guilty; and
 - Made verbal submissions
9. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Clare’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Clare:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine of \$1,000

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Clare’s guilty plea
 - Mr Clare’s registration history with no prior offences
 - GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 at the Wagga meeting on 27 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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