

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 25 March 2020

Decision-makers: Chief Executive Officer, Judith Lind

Name of relevant person: Mr Bruce Carr

Track: Richmond

Dates: 11 & 16 April 2019, 2 & 7 May 2019, 27 April 2019, 11 April-7 May 2019

Rule no.: Rule 28(4) x 5, Rule 86(l) x 2

Charge(s):

(1-5) On 11 April 2019, 16 April 2019, 2 May 2019, 2 May 2019 and 7 May 2019, under Rule 28(4), Mr Carr handled greyhounds presented for an Event being a trial at the Richmond Greyhound Racing Club in circumstances where he was not an owner, trainer, attendant or a registered person authorised by the Stewards to handle a greyhound for the Event.

(6) On 27 April 2019, Mr Carr, a person not registered by the Commission as an owner or trainer, acted or held himself out as the owner or trainer of a greyhound entitled or intended to compete in an Event.

(7) On five (5) occasions between 11 April 2019 and 7 May 2019, Mr Carr acted and/or held himself out to be the trainer of 20 greyhounds entitled or intended to compete in an event by attending Richmond Greyhound Racing Club and trialling greyhounds.

Disciplinary action taken: Warning off periods to be served concurrently (commenced 1 April 2020 on date of service):

Charge 1 (R28(4), 11 April 2019):	3 months warning off
Charge 2 (R28(4), 16 April 2019):	3 months warning off
Charge 3 (R28(4), 2 May 2019):	3 months warning off
Charge 4 (R28(4), 2 May 2019):	3 months warning off
Charge 5 (R28(4), 7 May 2019):	3 months warning off
Charge 6 (R86(l), 27 April 2019):	9 months warning off
Charge 7 (R86(l), 11 April-7 May 2019):	2 years warning off

DECISION:

The Commission has finalised their investigation into allegations of Mr Bruce Carr trialling a number of greyhounds at Richmond on various dates in April and May 2019 and holding himself out as a trainer, without being registered by the Commission in any capacity:

1. Unregistered participant, Mr Bruce Carr, was observed to handle and trial 20 greyhounds on five (5) occasions between 11 April 2019 and 7 May 2019 at Richmond when he was authorised to handle a greyhound.
2. On 27 April 2019, Mr Carr communicated to a registered participant via text message his willingness to accept two (2) greyhounds for education despite not being a registered trainer.
3. After considering the evidence following completion of the Commission's investigation, the Commission charged Mr Carr under Rule 28(4) x 5 and Rule 86(l) x 2 in writing. Rules 28(4) and 86(l) read:

R28(4): A person shall not handle a greyhound presented for an Event unless he is an owner, trainer, attendant or a registered person authorised by the Stewards to handle a greyhound for the Event.

R86: A person shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

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(l) being a person who is not registered with a Controlling Body or an approved Registration Controlling Body as an owner or trainer, acts or holds himself out as the owner or trainer of a greyhound entitled or intended to compete in an Event;

4. Mr Carr admitted the charges at the earliest opportunity but did not provide any substantive response to the charges.
5. The Commission considered all the available material and found all charges proven.
6. The Commission took the following disciplinary action against Mr Carr:
 - Charge 1 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 3 months;
 - Charge 2 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 3 months;
 - Charge 3 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 3 months;
 - Charge 4 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 3 months;
 - Charge 5 (Rule 28(4)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 3 months;
 - Charge 6 (Rule 86(l)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 9 months;
 - Charge 7 (Rule 86(l)): To warn Mr Carr off for a period of 2 years,with the periods of warning off to be served concurrently.
7. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all evidence, including:
 - a. The objective seriousness of the offences involving participating in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer of greyhounds without being registered by the Commission;

- b. Mr Carr's registration and disciplinary history during the period he previously held a registration, having previously held a trainer registration between 1988 and 2015 with predecessors of the Commission – he does not have any like matters on his record;
- c. Mr Carr's admission of the charges at the earliest opportunity;
- d. The need for specific and general deterrence was also considered as a significant factor in determining the appropriate penalty.

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