



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	Wednesday 30 August 2023
Decision-maker:	Chief Operating Officer Wade Birch and Chief Steward Troy Vassallo
Name of relevant person:	John Taylor
Track:	Gunnedah
Date:	12 January 2023
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr John Taylor presented the greyhound 'Road To Glebe' for the purposes of competing in race 4 at the Gunnedah meeting on 12 January 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Prohibited Substance(s):	17 α -Ethinyl-5 β -Estrane-3 α 17 β -Diol and Ethynylestradiol, norethisterone
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To impose a fine of \$1,000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 14 February 2023, the Commission investigated the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Road To Glebe" at the Gunnedah meeting on 12 January 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Science Centre confirming the presence of 17 α -Ethinyl-5 β -Estrane-3 α 17 β -Diol and Ethynylestradiol, norethisterone.

DECISION:

1. Mr Taylor is a registered Owner Trainer, Breeder and Studmaster and the trainer of 'Road To Glebe' ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 4 at the Gunnedah meeting on 12 January 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of 17 α -Ethinyl-5 β -Estrane-3 α 17 β -Diol and Ethynylestradiol, norethisterone

3. 17α -Ethinyl- 5β -Estrane- $3\alpha,17\beta$ -Diol is a permanently banned prohibited substance under Rule 139(1)(t), and Ethinylestradiol, norethisterone are prohibited substances under Rule 137.
4. On 9 August 2023 Mr Taylor was issued with a notice of charge (“**Notice**”)
5. In the Notice issued on 9 August 2023 the decision makers charged Mr Taylor 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 invited Mr Taylor to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. On Wednesday 30 August, 2023, Mr Taylor contacted decision makers and made verbal submissions, in addition to submissions previously provided on 12 April, 2023, and entered a guilty plea in respect to the charge.
8. In determining the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Taylor’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 Taylor

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

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Taylor’s guilty plea
 - Mr Taylor’s registration history of approximately 4 years within the industry.
 - No previous offences

- Mr Taylor's co-operation and forthright evidence
- Stewards were able to ascertain a cause for the detection of 17 α -Ethinyl-5 β -Estrane-3 α 17 β -Diol and Ethynylestradiol, norethisterone
- GWIC penalty guidelines and precedents

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 4 at the Gunnedah meeting on 12 January 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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