

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	23 May 2025
Decision-maker:	Senior Steward Paul Van Gestel and Steward Geoff Page
Name of relevant person:	Troy Dunn
Track:	Goulburn
Date:	14 February 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr Troy Dunn presented the greyhound 'Marvellous Dunn' for the purpose of competing in race 6 at the Goulburn meeting of 14 February 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Cobalt
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 6-week suspension, to commence 27 May 2025 and to expire on 7 July 2025.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 18 March 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Marvellous Dunn" at the Goulburn meeting on 14 February 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Cobalt in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Mr. Dunn is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Marvellous Dunn" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 at the Goulburn meeting on 14 February 2025. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-race swab revealed the presence of Cobalt in excess of the threshold of 100 nanograms per millilitre.
3. Cobalt in excess of 100 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 140(f) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.

4. On Wednesday 9 May 2025 Mr. Dunn was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 9 May 2025 the decision makers charged Mr. Dunn 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.

...

(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. Dunn to attend a hearing on Friday 23 May 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the notice was a 4-month suspension.
7. On Monday 12 May 2025, Mr. Dunn contacted decision makers and;
 - entered a plea of guilty, and
 - entered written submissions
8. On Friday 23 May 2025, Mr. Dunn attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - made verbal submissions
9. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr. Dunn'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. Dunn:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a 6-week suspension, to commence 27 May 2025 and to expire on 7 July 2025.

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr. Dunn's guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr. Dunn's 27-year registration history, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
 - Mr. Dunn's personal and professional circumstances ; and

- GWIC penalty guidelines

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Goulburn meeting on 14 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.