

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 24 June 2025

Decision-makers: Steward Madi Watson, Senior Steward Kevin Adams and Steward Angus Chippindale

Name of relevant person: Ms Evelyn Harris

Date: 26 March 2025

Rule no: 145(1)

Charge(s): **Charges 1 to 6 – 145(1)**

Ms Harris caused a treatment to be administered to a greyhound on the day of a meeting in circumstances not approved by a Controlling Body

Plea: Guilty to all charges

Disciplinary action taken: **Charge 1** – To issue a fine of \$500
Charge 2 – To issue a fine of \$500
Charge 3 – To issue a fine of \$500
Charge 4 – To issue a fine of \$500
Charge 5 – To issue a fine of \$500
Charge 6 – To issue a fine of \$500

Of the total fine of \$3000, \$1500 is wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months, subject to Ms Harris not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION:

1. Ms Harris was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer, Breeder and Studmaster with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. Ms Harris nominated six greyhounds ("Greyhounds") for the meeting of 26 March 2025 at the Taree Greyhound Club.

3. During an interview conducted with GWIC Stewards on 27 May 2025, Ms Harris made admissions that she had caused the Greyhounds to be administered a treatment on the day of the Event.

DECISION:

4. On Wednesday 18 June 2025 Ms Harris was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (Notice).
5. In the Notice issued on 18 June 2025 the decision makers charged Ms Harris with six breaches of the following Greyhound Racing Rule:

Rule 145(1)

(1) An offence is committed if, without the permission of the Stewards, a person administers, causes to be administered, or attempts to administer any treatment to a greyhound at any time on the day of a meeting until that greyhound is no longer presented for an Event

6. The Notice invited Ms Harris to attend a hearing on Monday 14 July 2025 at which time she would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalties.
7. On Monday 23 June 2025 Ms Harris contacted decision makers and;
 - entered a plea of guilty to all charges; and
 - made written submissions
8. Following consideration of Ms Harris's plea and submissions, the decision makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon her:

Charge 1 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

Charge 2 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

Charge 3 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

Charge 4 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

Charge 5 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

Charge 6 (Rule 145(1)) – \$500 fine

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
- Ms Harris' Guilty plea; and
 - Ms Harris' disciplinary record, with no prior like offences.
 - Urine samples obtained from the Greyhounds did not detect any prohibited substances
 - Principles of specific and general deterrence and what message is sent to the industry in respect to such conduct; and
 - GWIC Penalty Guidelines
- 10 In addition, greyhounds "Heidi Bonus" and "Lilly Bonus" were disqualified from race 1 at the Taree meeting on 26 March 2025 pursuant to Rule 145(2) of the Rules.

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