

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 22 July 2025

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

Name of relevant person: Mr Patrick Lorimer

Date: 3 February 2025

Rule no: 145(1)

Charge(s): Mr Lorimer administered a treatment to a greyhound on the day of a meeting in circumstances not approved by a Controlling Body

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$500

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Lorimer was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 3 February 2025 Mr Lorimer presented the greyhound Get Fully Loaded at the Maitland Greyhound Club for the purpose of competing in race 10.
3. Following the running of Race 10 it was brought to the attention of Stewards that a cream had been applied to the Greyhound prior to the event.

DECISION:

4. On Friday 18 July 2025 Mr Lorimer was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 18 July 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Lorimer with an offence under Rule 145(1) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Rule 145(1), Rules

(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 Mr Lorimer to provide written submissions in relation to the Charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the notice was a \$1,000 fine.
7. On Monday 21 July 2025 Mr Lorimer contacted decision makers and;
 - entered a plea of guilty
8. Following consideration of Mr Lorimer's plea, the decision makers found the charge proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge 1 – Rule 145(1) – To issue a fine of \$500

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Lorimer's guilty plea;
 - Mr Lorimer's disciplinary record, with no prior like offences; and
 - The objective seriousness of the offence.
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from Race 10 at the Maitland meeting on 3 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 145(2) of the Rules.

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