

## **GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

<b>Date of decision:</b>	7 July 2025
<b>Decision-maker:</b>	Steward Angus Chippindale and Senior Steward Kevin Adams
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	Reginald Gore
<b>Track</b>	The Gardens
<b>Date:</b>	21 March 2025
<b>Rule no.:</b>	141(1)(a)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Mr Reginald Gore presented the greyhound 'I'm Alright' for the purpose of competing in race 1 at The Gardens meeting on 21 March 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance(s):</b>	Pholcodine
<b>Plea:</b>	Guilty
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	To issue a fine of \$1,000, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr Gore not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

### **INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 5 May 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "I'm Alright" at The Gardens meeting on 21 March 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Pholcodine.

### **DECISION:**

1. Mr Gore is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "I'm Alright" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of The Gardens meeting on 21 March 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Pholcodine.

3. Pholcodine is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules
4. On 2 July 2025 Mr Gore was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 2 July 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Gore 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;

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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 Gore to attend a hearing on Monday 7 July 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 2-month suspension.
7. At the hearing held at the Maitland Greyhound Club on Monday 7 July 2025 Mr Gore;
  - Entered a plea of Guilty; and
  - Made verbal submissions;
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Gore'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 Gore:

**Charge 141(1)(a):** To issue a fine of \$1,000, with \$500 wholly and conditionally suspended for 12 months subject to Mr Gore not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
  - Mr Gore's Guilty plea (25% reduction);
  - Mr Gore's personal and professional circumstances;
  - Mr Gore's 48 year registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences;

- The objective seriousness of the offence;
- The participant submitted evidence that decision makers considered offered a plausible explanation for the presence of Pholcodine in the Greyhound. Notwithstanding, the participant was advised that his kennel husbandry procedures are to be amended to avoid repeat occurrences in future; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 at The Gardens meeting on 21 March 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

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