

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	10 July 2025
Decision-maker:	Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Senior Steward Zane Turner
Name of relevant person:	Suzette Turner
Track	Richmond
Date:	21 February 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Suzette Turner presented the greyhound 'Mr. Informant' for the purpose of competing in race 8 at the Richmond meeting on 21 February 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	GW1516 & GW1516 Sulphoxide
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a disqualification of 12 Months
	With the disqualification period to commence Friday 11 July 2025 and expire Saturday 11 July 2026

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 14 April 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Mr. Informant" at the Richmond meeting on 21 February 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of GW1516 and GW1516 Sulphoxide.

DECISION:

1. Ms Turner is a registered Public Trainer and the trainer of "Mr. Informant" ("**the Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 8 of the Richmond meeting on 21 February 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of GW1516 and GW1516 Sulphoxide.

3. GW1516 and GW1516 Sulphoxide is a permanently banned prohibited substance, under Rule 139(1)(k) of the Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”).
4. On 11 June 2025, Ms Turner was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Ms Turner with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the 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.

5. The Notice invited Ms Turner to attend a hearing on Tuesday 17 June 2025, at which time she would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
6. On Monday 16 June 2025 Ms Turner contacted decision makers and;
 - Provided written submissions
7. On Tuesday 17 June 2025, decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. Ms Turner attended the hearing, entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions in respect of the Charge.
8. Following consideration of Ms Turner’s plea and submissions in respect of the charge, the decision makers found the charge proven. At that time in the hearing, decision makers provided Ms Turner with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were considering imposing in relation to the offence. Ms Turner was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty. The hearing was adjourned to allow further submissions to be provided.
9. On Thursday 10 July 2025, decision makers heard the recommenced matter via Microsoft Teams. Ms Turner attended the hearing and provided submissions in regards to the proposed penalty.
10. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Ms Turner’s plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers determined to take the following disciplinary action against Ms Turner:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a disqualification of 12 months,

With the disqualification period to commence Friday 11 July 2025 and
to expire Saturday 11 July 2026

11. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:

- Ms Turner's Guilty plea (25% reduction);
- Ms Turner's 30 year registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
- Ms Turner's voluntarily contributions to the industry over this period;
- Ms Turner's written and verbal submissions;
- Ms Turner's personal and professional circumstances;
- The principles of specific and general deterrence; and
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

12. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 8 of the Richmond meeting on 21 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules and race 8 of the Richmond meeting on 28 February 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(5) of the Rules.

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