

## **GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

### **DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** 8 August 2025

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

**Name of relevant person:** Mr Alwyn Watts

**Date:** 23 April 2025

**Rule no:** 145(1)

**Charge(s):** Mr Watts 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 Watts was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 23 April 2025 Mr Watts presented the greyhound Oxley Flyer at the Taree Greyhound Club for the purpose of competing in race 3.
3. Prior to the running of Race 3 it was brought to the attention of Stewards that a substance had been applied to the Greyhound.

### **DECISION:**

4. On Friday 18 July 2025 Mr Watts 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 Watts 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 Watts 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 Friday 8 August 2025 Mr Watts contacted decision makers and;
  - entered a plea of Guilty; and
  - provided verbal submissions
8. Following consideration of Mr Watts's plea and submissions, the decision makers found the charge proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

**Charge 1 – Rule 145(1) – Fine of \$500**

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
  - Mr Watts's guilty plea; and
  - Mr Watt's disciplinary record, with no prior like offences; and
  - The objective seriousness of the offence.

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