

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	29 July 2025
Decision-maker:	Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Acting Senior Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock
Name of relevant person:	Jodie Lord
Track	Wentworth Park
Date:	26 April 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Ms Jodie Lord presented the greyhound 'Destroying' for the purpose of competing in race 2 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 26 April 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance
Prohibited Substance(s):	Carprofen
Plea:	Guilty
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a fine of \$1000

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 10 June 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Destroying" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 26 April 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Carprofen in excess of a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Ms Lord is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Destroying" ("the **Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 2 of the Wentworth Park meeting on 26 April 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Carprofen.

3. Carprofen in excess of a mass concentration of 20 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine is a prohibited substance under Rule 146 of the Rules
4. On Monday 21 July 2025 Ms Lord was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 21 July 2025 the decision makers charged Ms Lord 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 Ms Lord to attend a hearing on Tuesday 29 July 2025 at which time she would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
7. On Monday 28 July 2025 Ms Lord contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions.
8. At the hearing held on Tuesday 29 July 2025 via Microsoft Teams Ms Lord;
 - Made verbal submissions
9. Following consideration of Ms Lord'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 Lord with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were considering imposing in relation to the offence. Ms Lord was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty.

10. Following consideration of Ms Lord's submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, the decision makers determined to take the following disciplinary action against Ms Lord:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$1000

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

- Ms Lord's guilty plea (25% reduction);
- Ms Lord's cooperation and forthright evidence;
- Ms Lord's extensive registration record; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

12. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 26 April 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

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