

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 22 August 2025

Decision-makers: Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Acting Senior

Steward Ben Boyce Mortlock

Name of relevant person: Wayne Carr

Rule no(s): Rule 148(1)(a) and Rule 156(g)(ii)

Charge(s): Charge 1 – R148(1)(a)

Mr Carr did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by possessing a substance not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) without the prior consent of

the Stewards or Controlling Body

Charge 2 - R156 (g)(ii)

Mr Carr did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by engaging in conduct that constitutes abusive or threatening behaviour towards an

Officer of the Controlling Body

INVESTIGATION:

- 1. Mr Carr was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission ("**Commission**").
- 2. On 13 March 2024, Inspectors with the Commission conducted a kennel inspection at Mr Carr's registered kennel address.
- 3. During the inspection several breaches of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules ("Rules") were observed.
- 4. During the inspection Mr Carr was found to be in possession of product that was not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)
- 5. The product 'Tone Plus' which is not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

- 6. During the inspection Mr Carr engaged in conduct or behaviour that constitutes abusive or threatening behaviour towards an Officer of the Controlling Body.
- 7. On Tuesday 12 August 2025, Mr Carr was issued with a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("**Notice**"), containing two charges and proposed penalties, pertaining to breaches of the Rules, which read:

Rule 148(1)(a), Rules

- (1) A person must not, without the express permission of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, possess any prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance (including any other medication, medicine, injectable substance, supplement, herbal product or therapeutic good) that:
- (a) is not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

Rule 156(g)(ii), Rules

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

(g) wilfully assaults, obstructs, impedes, abuses, interferes with, threatens or insults:

...

- (ii) any officer, employee or member of a Controlling Body
- 8. The Notice invited Mr Carr to provide written submissions in relation to the Charges
- 9. On Friday 22 August 2025, Mr Carr contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a guilty plea to both charges
- 10. Following consideration of Mr Carr's pleas in respect of the charges, the decision makers found Charges 1 and 2 proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

11. Plea: Charge 1 - Guilty

Charge 2 – Guilty

Disciplinary action Charge 1 – R148(1)(a) – \$250 fine

taken: Charge 2 – R156 (g)(ii) – \$1000 fine

12. Normally a penalty for such an offence relating to Charge 2, would warrant a period of suspension or disqualification, therefore the disciplinary action taken in this decision

- should not act as a precedent for participants in a similar situation to Mr Carr's. If the case had been heard expeditiously, it would have resulted in a more significant penalty.
- 13. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision-makers had regard to all relevant evidence and material, including:
 - Mr Carr's Guilty pleas to charges 1 and 2;
 - Mr Carr's extensive registration period;
 - The objective seriousness of the offences.

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