

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision:	27 October 2025
Decision-maker:	Steward Jason Hodder and Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel
Name of relevant person:	David Meiers
Track:	Muswellbrook
Date:	19 July 2025
Rule no.:	141(1)(a)
Charge(s):	Mr David Meiers presented the greyhound 'Marvin Monelli' for the purpose of competing in race 10 at the Muswellbrook meeting of 19 July 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.
Plea:	Guilty
Prohibited Substance(s):	Codeine, Metformin and Pregabalin
Disciplinary action taken:	To issue a 12-week suspension, to commence Friday 31 October 2025 and to expire on Friday 23 January 2026.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 2 September 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Marvin Monelli" at the Muswellbrook meeting on 19 July 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Codeine, Metformin and Pregabalin.

DECISION:

1. Mr Meiers is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Marvin Monelli" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 10 at the Muswellbrook meeting on 19 July 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post race swab revealed the presence of Codeine, Metformin and Pregabalin which are prohibited substances under Rule 137 of the Rules.

3. On Tuesday 14 October 2025 Mr Meiers was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
4. In the Notice issued on 14 October 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Meiers 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;

...

must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

...

(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 Mr Meiers to attend a hearing on Monday 27 October 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the Charge.
 6. On Tuesday 14 October 2025, Mr Meiers contacted decision makers and;
 - entered a plea of guilty; and
 - entered written submissions
 7. On Monday 27 October 2025, Mr Meiers attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - made verbal submissions
 8. Following consideration of Mr Meiers plea and submissions, decision makers found the charge proven. At that time in the hearing, decision makers provided Mr Meiers with a Notice of Proposed Penalty, which outlined the penalty that they were considering imposing in relation to the offence. Mr Meiers was invited to make submissions in respect of the proposed penalty
 9. Following consideration of Mr Meiers submissions in respect of the proposed penalty, decision makers determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:
- Charge 141 (1) (a):** To issue a 12-week suspension, to commence Friday 31 October 2025 and to expire on Friday 23 January 2026.
10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:

- Mr Meiers guilty plea (25% reduction)
- Mr Meiers 28-year registration history, with a prior prohibited substance offence on his record;
- Mr Meiers personal circumstances, and verbal and written submissions; and
- GWIC penalty guidelines

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 10 at the Muswellbrook meeting on 19 July 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.