

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Monday 27 October 2025

Decision-makers: Steward Michael Hall and Senior Steward Dean Degan

Name of relevant person: Mr Michael Skeers

Date: 22 February 2025

Rule no: Local Rule 55(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Skeers did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by arranging the service of a dam whilst not registered as a Breeder.

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a three month suspension, to commence Monday 27 October 2025 and expire Tuesday 27 January 2026.

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Skeers was, at all relevant times, a registered Owner with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 22 February 2025 a female greyhound in Mr Skeers custody was presented to a veterinary hospital. When contacted by the hospital, Mr Skeers gave approval for the greyhound to be served.
3. Mr Skeers was not at this time a registered Breeder with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.

DECISION:

4. On Tuesday 14 October 2025 Mr Skeers was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 14 October 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Skeers with an offence under Local Rule 55(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing Rules, which reads:

Local Rule 55(1)(a), Rules

(1) A person must be registered as a Breeder by the Controlling Body to undertake any of the following activities:

(a) arrange for the service or artificial insemination of a dam

6. The Notice invited Mr Skeers to attend a hearing on Wednesday 29 October 2025 at which time he would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty. The penalty proposed in the Notice was a six month suspension.
7. On Monday 27 October 2025 Mr Skeers contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions
8. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Skeers plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and determined to take the following disciplinary action against Mr Skeers:

Charge – Local Rule 55(1)(a) – To issue a three month suspension, to commence Monday 27 October 2025 and expire Tuesday 27 January 2026.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Skeers guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Skeers disciplinary record, with no prior like offences; and
 - Principles of general and specific deterrence.

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