

## GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION

### DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

<b>Date of decision:</b>	15 October 2025
<b>Decision-makers:</b>	Senior Inspector Shelley Hancock Senior Inspector Sandra Muscat
<b>Name of relevant person:</b>	<b>Lucinda Gaffney</b>
<b>Track:</b>	N/A
<b>Date:</b>	<b>15 October 2025</b>
<b>Rule no.:</b>	Rule 156
<b>Charge(s):</b>	<b>Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii)</b> Ms Gaffney has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications for her greyhounds. <b>Charge 2 – 156(h)</b> Ms Gaffney, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in her care failed to comply with this direction.
<b>Plea:</b>	<b>Charge 1 – No plea entered.</b> <b>Charge 2 – No plea entered.</b>
<b>Disciplinary action taken:</b>	<b>Charge 1 – To issue a suspension until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.</b> <b>Charge 2 – To issue a suspension until such time as her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.</b>

### DECISION

1. Ms Gaffney was at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer, Breeder Whelper, Race Official with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. At all material times the greyhound, the subject of the charges was registered in Ms Gaffney's ownership.
3. On Thursday, 2 October 2025, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") was issued to Ms Gaffney. The Notice issued two charges under the Greyhound Racing Rules alleging a breach of the following:

**Charge 1: Rule 156(f)(ii)**

**156 General offences**

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

...  
(f) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a Controlling Body or the Stewards:

(i) is corrupt, fraudulent, or dishonest;

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper;

**Charge 2: Rule 156(h)**

**156 General offences**

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

...  
(h) disobeys or fails to comply with a lawful order of a Controlling Body, the Stewards, or another person authorised by a Controlling Body with official duties in relation to greyhound racing;

4. The Notice invited Ms Gaffney to make submissions in relation to the charges and penalty. The penalties proposed in the notice were:

**Charge 1** - To suspend Ms Gaffney until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

**Charge 2** - To suspend Ms Gaffney until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

5. On 3 October 2025, Ms Gaffney submitted a retirement notification for the greyhound in question, seeking to retire the greyhound to herself.

6. This notification was rejected by the Commission on 7 October 2025 as a duplicate, as the greyhound had already been retired to Ms Gaffney. She was advised that the greyhound must be scanned for check-in in accordance with the Commission’s procedures.

7. As at the date of this decision, the greyhound in question has not been checked-in.

8. The decision makers imposed the following penalties:

**Charge 1** - To suspend Ms Gaffney until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

**Charge 2** - To suspend Ms Gaffney until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

9. The Commission’s inquiries into the whereabouts of the greyhounds remain ongoing.

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