



*INQUIRY INTO THE DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN AGAINST MRS
NOELEEN BENJES*

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**Decision-Makers: Paul Van Gestel (Chairman)
Shane O'Shea**

21 October 2025

The decision-makers today continued their inquiries into the circumstances surrounding registered Owner and Breeder Whelpers Mrs Noeleen Benjes and the euthanasia of a pup (**“the pup”**) from the litter of Jilliby Emmie with Good Odds Harada, whelped on the 16 March 2024.

On May 8 2024, the pup was presented in an unwell condition to a veterinary hospital where it was subsequently euthanised.

On 8 October 2025, Mrs Noeleen Benjes was emailed a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action, and a Brief of Evidence. Included in this correspondence, was three charges that were issued against Mrs Benjes alleging breaches under Rule 21(1)(e), Rule 34(7)(a) and Rule 55(3)(b)

A hearing was convened on Tuesday 21 October 2025, during which evidence was received from Mrs Benjes. She provided further clarification regarding the circumstances surrounding the care, treatment and ultimate euthanasia of the pup.

Upon consideration of the evidence and the explanations provided by Mrs Benjes, the decision-makers determined that the available evidence was insufficient to establish the alleged breaches to the required standard.

Accordingly, the decision-makers were not satisfied that the charges could be sustained and therefore resolved to withdraw all charges issued against Mrs Benjes.

Notwithstanding the withdrawal of the charges, the decision-makers issued formal directions to Mrs Benjes and took the opportunity to remind her of her obligations as a registered Owner and Breeder Whelpers with the Commission, including to comply with all conditions attached to her licence and to ensure strict adherence to all applicable rules, codes and policies governing the care, welfare and management of greyhounds.

**Paul Van Gestel
Chief Steward**