

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 1 December 2025

Decision-maker: Steward Jason Hodder and Steward Geoff Page

Name of relevant person: Andrew Hunter

Track Richmond

Date: 29 August 2025

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Andrew Hunter presented the greyhound 'Impress Luckie' for the purpose of competing in race 2 at the Richmond meeting on 29 August 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Metformin

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine of \$750

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 1 October 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Impress Luckie" at the Richmond meeting on 29 August 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of Metformin

DECISION:

1. Mr Hunter is a registered Public Trainer and Studmaster and the trainer of "Impress Luckie" ("the **Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 2 of the Richmond meeting on 29 August 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post event swab revealed the presence of Metformin.

3. Metformin is a prohibited substance under Rule 137 of the Rules
4. On Friday 14 November 2025 Mr Hunter was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 14 November 2025 the decision makers charged Mr Hunter 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.
6. The Notice invited Mr Hunter to attend a hearing on Monday 1 December 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 2 Month Suspension.
 7. On Monday 1 December 2025 Mr Hunter contacted decision makers and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided written submissions
 8. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Hunter's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Hunter:

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9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Mr Hunter's guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Hunter's 8-year registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences; and
 - GWIC penalty guidelines
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Richmond meeting on 29 August 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

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