

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 1 December 2025
Decision-maker: Steward Geoff Page and Steward Peter Phillips
Name of relevant person: Geoffrey Stackman
Track Taree
Date: 10 September 2025
Rule no.: 141(1)(a)
Charge(s): Mr Geoffrey Stackman presented the greyhound 'Carl Bruce' for the purpose of competing in race 2 at the Taree meeting on 10 September 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 21 October 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Carl Bruce" at the Taree meeting on 10 September 2025.

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

DECISION:

1. Mr Stackman is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Carl Bruce" ("the **Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 2 of the Taree meeting on 10 September 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 Stackman 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 Stackman 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 Stackman 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 Saturday 22 November 2025 and Friday 28 November 2025 Mr Stackman contacted decision makers and entered written submissions.
8. At the hearing held on Monday 1 December 2025 via Microsoft Teams Mr Stackman;
- Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided verbal and written submissions
9. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Mr Stackman'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 Stackman:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a fine of \$750

10. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
- Mr Stackman's guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Mr Stackman's 18 year registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
 - Mr Stackman's personal circumstances, cooperation, forthright evidence and expressions of remorse;
 - Mr Stackman provided decision makers a plausible explanation for the presence of Metformin in the greyhound and changes to his husbandry practices to avoid reoccurrence; and

- GWIC penalty guidelines

11. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 2 at the Taree meeting on 10 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules

.....End.....