

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 25 November 2025

Decision-makers: Senior Inspector Flett Turner
Senior Inspector Pete Austin

Name of relevant person: **Shannon Francis**

Track: N/A

Date: 25 November 2025

Rule no.: Rule 156

Charge(s): **Charge 1 – R156(f)(ii)**
Ms Francis has acted improperly, by failing to check-in or provide end of life or retirement notifications for her greyhounds.

Charge 2 – 156(h)
Ms Francis, when directed to complete overdue eTrac Check-ins for greyhounds in her care failed to comply with this direction.

Plea: **Charge 1 – No plea entered.**
Charge 2 – No plea entered.

Disciplinary action taken: **Charge 1 – To warn Ms Francis off until such time her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.**
Charge 2 – To warn Ms Francis off until such time as her greyhounds are checked-in or the relevant end of life or retirement notifications are completed and submitted.

DECISION

1. Ms Francis was at all relevant times, a greyhound racing industry participant.
2. At all material times the greyhound, the subject of the charges was registered in Ms Francis's ownership.
3. On Wednesday, 12 November 2025, following an investigation by the Commission, a Notice of Charge and Proposed Disciplinary Action ("Notice") was issued to Ms Francis. 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 Francis to make submissions in relation to the charges and penalty. The penalties proposed in the notice were:

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

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

5. Ms Francis failed to respond and make submissions in relation to the charges or penalties by Wednesday, 19 November 2025.
6. The decision makers imposed the following penalties:

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

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

7. The Commission's inquiries into the whereabouts of the greyhounds remain ongoing.

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