



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 17 February 2026

Decision-maker: Acting Chief Steward Paul Van Gestel and Acting Senior Steward Ben Boyce-Mortlock

Name of relevant person: Mary Spiteri

Track: Richmond

Date: 19 November 2025

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Ms Mary Spiteri presented the greyhound 'Busy Going' for the purpose of competing in race 11 at the Richmond meeting on 19 November 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

Prohibited Substance(s): Ketoprofen

Plea: Guilty

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a \$500 fine; and

To issue a 4 week suspension, with the suspension wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Ms Spiteri not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 29 December 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Busy Going" at the Richmond meeting on 19 November 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of Ketoprofen in excess of a mass concentration of 10 nanograms per millilitre.

DECISION:

1. Ms Spiteri is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder Whelper and the trainer of "Busy Going" ("**the Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Richmond

meeting on 19 November 2025. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.

2. The post-event swab revealed the presence of Ketoprofen.
3. Ketoprofen in excess of a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of plasma or 10 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine is a prohibited substance under Rule 146 of the Rules.
4. On Wednesday 4 February 2026, Ms Spiteri was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**"). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Ms Spiteri with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the 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;

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must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

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(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.

5. The Notice invited Ms Spiteri to attend a hearing on Tuesday 17 February 2026, at which time she would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge and proposed penalty.
6. On Tuesday 17 February 2026 a hearing was conducted via Microsoft Teams. During the course of the hearing Ms Spiteri;
 - Entered a plea of guilty; and
 - Provided verbal submissions
7. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Ms Spiteri's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Ms Spiteri:

Charge 141(1)(a): To issue a \$500 fine

To issue a 4 week suspension, with the suspension wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Ms Spiteri not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:

- Ms Spiteri's guilty plea (25% reduction);
 - Ms Spiteri's 15-year registration history, with no prior prohibited substance offences; and
 - Ms Spiteri's personal and professional circumstances,
9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 of the Richmond meeting on 19 November 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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