

GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: 19 March 2026
Decision-makers: Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Craig Easey
Name of relevant person: Mr Augustus Weekes
Date: 15 May 2025
Rule no(s): Rule 148(1)(a), Rule 148(2), Rule 156(w)
Charge(s): **Charge 1 – Rule 148(1)(a)**

Mr Weekes did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by possessing a substance that was not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

Charge 2 – Rule 148(2)

Mr Weekes did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by administering a substance that was not labelled and dispensed in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation.

Charge 3 – Rule 156(w)

Mr Weekes did something, which in the opinion of the Controlling Body constitutes an offence, by failing to comply with a code of practice adopted by the Controlling Body.

Plea: Guilty to all charges

Disciplinary action taken:

Charge 1 (Rule 148(1)(a))	To issue a fine of \$250
Charge 2 (Rule 148(2))	To issue a fine of \$250
Charge 3 (Rule 156(w))	To issue a fine of \$1000, with \$500 wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Weekes not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

INVESTIGATION:

1. Mr Weekes was, at all relevant times, a registered Public Trainer and Breeder Whelpers with the Greyhound Welfare and Integrity Commission.
2. On 15 May 2025 Officers of the Controlling Body attended to Mr Weekes registered kennel address and;
 - Identified a substance that was not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA);
 - Mr Weekes admitted during the inspection to having administered a substance, that was not labelled and dispensed in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation, to a greyhound in his custody; and
 - Officers identified a number of substances that had passed their expiry date. Failure to dispose of expired medications, supplements and injectable substances according to relevant legislative requirements constitutes a breach of Clause 3.10 of the NSW Greyhound Welfare Code of Practice.

DECISION:

3. On Wednesday 11 March 2026 Mr Weekes was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
4. In the Notice issued on 11 March 2026 the decision makers charged Mr Weekes with three offences under the Greyhound Rules of Racing, which read:

Rule 148(1)(a), Rules

(1) A person must not, without the express permission of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, possess any prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance (including any other medication, medicine, injectable substance, supplement, herbal product or therapeutic good) that:

(a) is not registered by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA)

Rule 148(2), Rules

(2) A person must not provide, possess, acquire, attempt to acquire, administer, attempt to administer or allow to be administered to a greyhound any prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance (including any medication, medicine, injectable substance, supplement, herbal product or therapeutic good), that is not labelled, prescribed, dispensed and obtained in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation.

Rule 156(w), Rules

An offence is committed if a person (including an official):

(w) fails to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by the Controlling Body

5. The Notice invited Mr Weekes to attend a hearing in relation to the Charges and proposed penalties.
6. On Thursday 19 March 2026 Mr Weekes attended a hearing held via Microsoft Teams and;
 - Entered a plea of guilty to all charges; and
 - Provided verbal submissions
7. Following consideration of Mr Weekes submissions in respect of the Charges and proposed penalties, decision makers found the charges proven and determined to impose the following disciplinary action upon him:

Charge 1 (Rule 148(1)(a)) To issue a fine of \$250

Charge 2 (Rule 148(2)) To issue a fine of \$250

Charge 3 (Rule 156(w)) To issue a fine of \$1000, with \$500 wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Mr Weekes not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the Commission considered all relevant material and evidence, including:
 - Mr Weekes' guilty pleas (25% reduction)
 - Mr Weekes' 14-year disciplinary record, with no prior like offences;
 - Mr Weekes' cooperation and verbal submissions; and
 - GWIC Penalty Guidelines and penalty precedents

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