



**GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION**  
**DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION**

**Date of decision:** 27 March 2026  
**Decision-maker:** Steward Ken Storck and Steward Shannon Kearney  
**Name of relevant person:** Faye Herbert  
**Track:** Richmond  
**Date:** 21 November 2025  
**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a)  
**Charge(s):** Ms Faye Herbert presented the greyhound 'Ida Bale' for the purpose of competing in race 1 at the Goulburn meeting on 21 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 fine of \$500

To issue a four week suspension, wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Ms Herbert not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

**INVESTIGATION**

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 12 January 2026, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post event urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Ida Bale" at the Goulburn meeting on 21 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 Herbert is a registered Owner Trainer and the trainer of "Ida Bale" ("**the Greyhound**"). The Greyhound competed in race 1 of the Goulburn meeting on 21 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 Monday 16 March 2026, Ms Herbert was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Ms Herbert 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 Herbert to attend a hearing on Thursday 19 March 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 Wednesday 18 March 2026 decision makers consented to adjourning the hearing until the following Friday, 27 March 2026.
7. On Friday 27 March 2026 a hearing was conducted via Microsoft Teams. During the course of the hearing Ms Herbert;
  - Entered a plea of guilty; and
  - Provided verbal and written submissions

8. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Ms Herbert'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 Herbert:

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

To issue a four week suspension, wholly suspended for 12 months conditional on Ms Herbert not breaching this, or any like, rule in this period.

9. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all the material and evidence before them, including:
- Ms Herbert's guilty plea (25% reduction);
  - Ms Herbert's 30-year registration history, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
  - Ms Herbert's verbal and written submissions, and commitment to amending husbandry practices;
  - The participant submitted evidence that decision makers considered offered a plausible explanation for the presence of the prohibited substance in the Greyhound; and
  - Ms Herbert's personal and professional circumstances,
10. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 1 of the Goulburn meeting on 21 November 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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