



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

**Date of decision:** 21 April 2026  
**Decision-maker:** Senior Steward Dean Degan and Steward Peter Phillips  
**Name of relevant person:** Lorraine Atchison  
**Track:** Maitland  
**Date:** 1 September 2025  
**Rule no.:** 141(1)(a), 148(2)  
**Charge(s):** **Charge 1 – Rule 141(1)(a)**

Ms Lorraine Atchison presented the greyhound 'Bang Bang Bullet' for the purpose of competing in race 11 at the Maitland meeting on 1 September 2025 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance

**Charge 2 – Rule 148(2)**

Ms Atchison did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by being found in possession of a prohibited substance that was not labelled in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation when an inspection was conducted at her registered kennel premises on Thursday 6 November 2025.

**Charge 3 – Rule 148(2)**

Ms Atchison did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by being found in possession of a prohibited substance that was not labelled in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation when an inspection was conducted at her registered kennel premises on Thursday 6 November 2025.

**Charge 4 – Rule 148(2)**

Ms Atchison did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by being found in possession of a prohibited substance that was not labelled in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation when an inspection was conducted at her registered kennel premises on Thursday 6 November 2025.

**Charge 5 – Rule 148(2)**

Ms Atchison did a thing which, in the opinion of the Controlling Body, constitutes an offence, by being found in possession of a substance that was not labelled in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation, when an inspection was conducted at her registered kennel premises on Thursday 6 November 2025.

**Prohibited Substance(s):** 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol, Levothyroxine, Lignocaine

**Plea:** Guilty to all charges

**Disciplinary action taken:** Charge 1– To issue an 8 Month Disqualification

Charge 2 – To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 3 –To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 4 – To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 5 – To issue a \$100 fine

## INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited, dated 3 November 2025, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a pre-event urine sample taken from the greyhound, “Bang Bang Bullet” at the Maitland meeting on 1 September 2025.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Racing Chemistry Laboratory confirming the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol at a concentration above 100 nanograms per millilitre.

1. Ms Atchison is a registered Owner Trainer and Breeder Whelper and the trainer of “Bang Bang Bullet” (“**the Greyhound**”). The Greyhound competed in race 11 of the Maitland meeting on 1 September 2025. Prior to the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The pre-event swab revealed the presence of 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol.
3. 5 $\beta$  Androstane-3 $\alpha$ , 17 $\beta$ -Diol at a concentration above 100 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a male greyhound is a permanently banned prohibited substance, under Rule 139(1)(t) of the Greyhound Racing Rules (“**Rules**”).
4. On Thursday 6 November 2025 Officers of the Controlling Body conducted a kennel inspection at Ms Atchison’s registered kennel address (“**Property**”).
5. During the inspection of the Property Ms Atchison was found to be in possession of:

- An unlabelled round white tablet which was found to contain Levothyroxine
  - Liquid in an unlabelled amber bottle that was found to contain Lignocaine
  - Liquid in an amber bottle that was found to contain Lignocaine; and
  - An unlabelled round blue tablet, that was not found to contain any prohibited substances.
6. On 1 March 2026, Ms Atchison was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action (“**Notice**”). In the Notice, the decision makers charged Ms Atchison with five offences under the Rules, which read:

**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.

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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.

**Rule 148, 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.

7. The Notice invited Ms Atchison to attend a hearing on Monday 2 March 2026, at which time she would have the opportunity to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charges and proposed penalties.
8. On Monday 2 March 2026, decision makers heard the matter via Microsoft Teams. Ms Atchison and her legal representative made verbal submissions in respect of the charges and proposed penalties. The hearing was adjourned to allow further submissions and evidence to be provided.
9. On Tuesday 21 April 2026 a further hearing was held via Microsoft Teams, where Ms Atchison and her legal representative;
- Entered pleas of guilty to all charges;
  - Provided further submissions

10. In considering the matter, decision makers considered Ms Atchison’s pleas and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charges proven and determined to take the following disciplinary action against Ms Atchison:

Charge 1 (Rule 141(1)(a)) – To issue an 8 Month Disqualification

Charge 2 (Rule 148)(2)) – To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 3 (Rule 141(1)(a)) – To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 4 (Rule 141(1)(a)) – To issue a \$100 fine

Charge 5 (Rule 141(1)(a)) – To issue a \$100 fine

With the disqualification period commencing 30 April 2026 and expiring midnight 30 December 2026

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

- Ms Atchison’s guilty pleas (25% reduction);
- Ms Atchison’s submissions in respect of the charges;
- Ms Atchison’s registration record, with no prior prohibited substance offences;
- Principles of specific and general deterrence; and
- The objective seriousness of the offence.

12. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 11 of the Maitland meeting on 1 September 2025 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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