

**DECISION ON AN INTERNAL REVIEW APPLICATION UNDER  
SECTION 91 OF THE *GREYHOUND RACING ACT 2017***

Matter for determination	Decision dated 10/9/23 of stewards Dean Degan, Paul Marks & Neville Dennis (the panel)
Internal review decision date	18/9/2023
Internal review decision by	Senior Steward Kevin Adams
Internal review decision summary	Confirm decision of 10/9/23 to impose a marring penalty upon "Masked Hunter" at Broken Hill on 10 September 2023.

**REASONS FOR DECISION**

1. These are the reasons for decision following an application by Tegan Gray for internal review under the *Greyhound Racing Act 2017* ("**Act**") of a decision of the stewards panel at Broken Hill on 10 September 2023 of the Greyhound Welfare & Integrity Commission ("**Commission**" or "**GWIC**"). That decision was to impose a marring penalty upon "Masked Hunter" at Broken Hill on 10 September 2023.
2. This is a reviewable decision within the meaning of section 91(1) of the Act. As I was not substantially involved in making the reviewable decision, I have dealt with this application.
3. Under section 91(7) of the Act, an internal reviewer is empowered to:
  - Confirm the reviewable decision the subject of the application; or
  - Vary the reviewable decision; or
  - Revoke the reviewable decision.

**Background**

4. Following the event, the greyhound was not subject to a veterinary examination.
5. Ms Gray was not shown any footage of the incident on the night.
6. Despite being the 1<sup>st</sup> offence, a warning was not issued.
7. The following day, a vet examination revealed the dog had two toes with paronychia (or sand toe)

**Findings**

8. After viewing the patrol films the Stewards were satisfied that the greyhound turned its head inwardly and marred the runner to its inside in the home straight.
9. Having regard to this, the Stewards issued an endorsement for Marring under R123. The greyhound is now subject to a 28 day stand down from Broken Hill and must complete a satisfactory steward's trial under R132 before being eligible to race.

**The internal review application**

10. On 13 September 2023, Tegan Gray lodged an application for internal review. The internal review was conducted on the papers.

**Decision**

11. In considering this internal review, I have had regard to the following:

- The greyhound was having its first race start in a field under lights at the track.
- The greyhound was not vetted after the race.
- The greyhound did make head and muzzle contact with another runner which constitutes a Marring charge

12. When considering whether the decision to impose a Marring charge was appropriate, I have had reference to:

- The Stewards Report
- The patrol films
- The greyhounds profile

13. In accordance with section 91(7)(a) of the Act, having reviewed all of the material, I confirm the original decision made by the stewards panel on 10 September 2023

14. The endorsement will remain on the greyhound, which will still require a trial prior to racing again.

Kevin Adams

**Senior Steward (Hunter)**

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