



GREYHOUND WELFARE & INTEGRITY COMMISSION
DISCIPLINARY ACTION DECISION

Date of decision: Monday 25 September 2023

Decision-maker: Chief Steward Troy Vassallo and Steward Paul Van Gestel

Name of relevant person: Scott Tyson

Track: Wentworth Park

Date: 20 May 2023

Rule no.: 141(1)(a)

Charge(s): Mr Scott Tyson presented the greyhound 'Zambora Tiger' for the purposes of competing in race 6 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 20 May 2023 in circumstances where the Greyhound was not free of any prohibited substance.

Plea: Guilty

Prohibited Substance(s): 4-hydroxy xylazine

Disciplinary action taken: To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,500, wholly, and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months.

INVESTIGATION

Following receipt of a certificate of analysis from Racing Analytical Services Limited dated 21 June 2023, the Commission conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound, "Zambora Tiger" at the Wentworth Park meeting on 20 May 2023.

Further analysis of the sample was conducted by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory confirming the presence of 4-hydroxy xylazine.

DECISION:

1. Mr Tyson is a registered Public Trainer and Breeder and the trainer of "Zambora Tiger" ("the Greyhound"). The Greyhound competed in race 6 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 20 May 2023. Following the Event, a urine sample was taken from the Greyhound.
2. The post-race swab revealed the presence of 4-hydroxy xylazine.

3. 4-hydroxy xylazine above a mass concentration of 5 nanograms per millilitre is a prohibited substance under Rule 147(6)(c) of the GWIC Greyhound Racing Rules.
4. On Monday 4 September 2023 Mr Tyson was issued with a notice of charge and proposed disciplinary action ("**Notice**").
5. In the Notice issued on 4 September 2023 the decision makers proposed a penalty of a 4-month suspension and charged Mr Tyson with an offence under Rule 141(1)(a) of the Greyhound Racing 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.

6. The Notice invited Mr Tyson to attend a hearing to enter a plea and make submissions in relation to the charge.
7. At the hearing conducted on Monday 25 September 2023, Mr Tyson entered a plea of guilty and made verbal submissions.
8. In considering the matter, the decision makers considered Mr Tyson's plea and submissions, as well as all available evidence. The decision makers found the charge proven and took the following disciplinary action against Mr Tyson:

Charge 141 (1) (a): To issue a fine in the sum of \$1,500, wholly, and conditionally suspended for a period of 12 months.

8. In taking this disciplinary action, the decision makers considered all evidence, including:
 - Guilty plea (25% reduction)
 - Mr Tyson's approximate 30-year registration history
 - First offence

- GWIC penalty guidelines
- Personal and professional circumstances
- The decision-makers were satisfied that on the available evidence, that the likely cause of the detection of the prohibited substance was as a result of contaminated meat.

9. In addition, the Greyhound was disqualified from race 6 at the Wentworth Park meeting on 20 May 2023 pursuant to Rule 141(4) of the Rules.

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