

Stewards' Report

Stewards' Report – Nicole Connell

Date – 27/03/2017

Panel – E. Little & Kevin Adams

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the detection of the prohibited substance Levamisole in a urine sample taken from the registered greyhound Zabdon Chevy, after competing in Race 4 at Ipswich on 23 December 2016. Licensed trainer Nicole Connell was the trainer of Zabdon Chevy for that event.

Acting on the evidence from two accredited laboratories that the prohibited substance Levamisole was identified in the sample provided by Zabdon Chevy on the date in question, Stewards issued Ms Connell with a charge under Greyhound Australasian Rule 83(2)(a) which reads:

“The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event shall present the greyhound free of prohibited substance.”

The specifics of the charges being:

As the trainer of the registered greyhound, Zabdon Chevy Ms Connell did present that greyhound to compete in Race 4 at the Ipswich Greyhound race meeting on 23 December 2016, when a urine sample taken from the greyhound was found, upon analysis to contain Levamisole

Ms Connell pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards were mindful of Ms Connell's guilty plea and her personal circumstances. However, Stewards were also mindful of the negative impact that the presence of prohibited substances has on the integrity of greyhound racing and the need to ensure each penalty acts as an appropriate deterrent. Stewards also took into account Ms Connell's disciplinary history and recent precedents for breaches of this Greyhound Australasian Rule.

Stewards fined Ms Connell the sum \$1,500.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4) Stewards disqualified Zabdon Chevy from Race 4 at Ipswich on 23 December 2016 and the placings amended accordingly.

Ms Connell was advised of his rights of an Internal Review