

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Karen Davies

Date: 11 August 2017

Panel: D. Broxham, P. West, B. Connell

Queensland Racing Integrity (QRIC) Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the findings of prohibited substance Levamisole in the urine sample taken from the registered greyhound Optimystic after competing in race 4 at Ipswich on the 2 May 2017. Ms. Karen Davies was the licensed trainer of Optimystic.

Upon receiving a Certificate of Analysis from each of the following accredited laboratories, Racing Science Centre and Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, and after considering the evidence presented to Stewards, Ms. Karen Davies was issued a charge under Greyhounds Australasia 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 any prohibited substance."

The specifics of the charge being:

As the trainer of the registered greyhound Optimystic, Ms. Davies did present that greyhound to compete in race 4 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 2 May 2017, when a urine sample taken from the greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Levamisole.

Ms. Davies pleaded guilty to the charge.

In considering appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Ms Davies' personal circumstances and that this was her first breach of GAR 83(2)(a). Stewards were also mindful that any penalty must serve as an adequate deterrent to ensure the industry is free from prohibited substances. Stewards fined Ms. Davies the sum of \$1500.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4) Optimystic was disqualified from race 4 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 2 May 2017 and the placings amended accordingly.

Ms Davies was advised of her right to an Internal Review.