

## Stewards' Report

**Date:** Friday, 26 June 2020.  
**Panel:** Mr M. Braunberger (Chair), Mr A. Spence, Ms K. Kruger.  
**Person:** Mr Michael Hickmott.  
**Rule:** GAR 83(2)(a).  
**Charge:** Presented the greyhound Moving Target to compete in race 8 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club on 7 April 2020 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.  
**Substance:** Meloxicam.  
**Penalty:** \$1500 with \$500 suspended for 12 months.

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On Friday, 26 June 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance Meloxicam was present in a post-race sample taken from Moving Target on Tuesday 7 April 2020 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club after winning race 8.

Submissions were made by Mr Hickmott, the trainer of MOVING TARGET.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a charge under GAR 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.*

Specifics of the charge:

*Mr Michael Hickmott did fail to present the greyhound Moving Target free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club in Race 8 on 7 April 2020 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Meloxicam.*

Mr Hickmott pleaded guilty to the charge.

QRIC Stewards considered the following in relation to penalty:

- A plea of guilty to the charge.
- The nature of the prohibited substance.
- Prior penalty precedents for the substance.
- Mr Hickmott's history in the industry.

- The need to maintain integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following penalty:

*A monetary fine of \$1500 with \$500 suspended for 12 months.*

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Moving Target was disqualified from race 8 on 7 April 2020 at the Townsville Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Hickmott that all prizemoney received from this event be returned to Racing Queensland.

Mr Hickmott was advised of his right to an Internal Review.