

## Stewards' Report

**Date:** Friday, 10 July 2020.  
**Panel:** Mr S. Kearney (Chair), Mr A. Spence  
**Person:** Mr Chris Gear  
**Rule:** GAR 83(2)(a)  
**Charge:** Presented the greyhound Swift Pash to compete in race 7 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 28 October 2019 when it was not free of a prohibited substance  
**Substance:** 4-hydroxy xylazine  
**Penalty:** 3 month suspension wholly suspended for 12 months and \$1000 fine.

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On Friday, 10 July 2020 the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance 4-hydroxy xylazine was present in a post-race sample taken from Swift Pash on Monday 28 October 2019 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club after winning race 7.

Submissions were made by Mr Gear, the trainer of Swift Pash.

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 Gear did fail to present the greyhound Swift Pash free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club in Race 7 on 28 October 2019 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance 4-hydroxy xylazine.*

Mr Gear pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions regarding penalty.

QRIC Stewards considered the following in relation to penalty:

- A plea of guilty to the charge and forthright evidence;
- The nature of the prohibited substance;
- Prior penalty precedents for the substance;
- Mr Gear being licenced as a trainer for approximately 14 years;
- Mr Gear has no prior breaches; and

- 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 3 month suspension wholly suspended for 12 months and a \$1000 fine.*

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Swift Gear was disqualified from race 7 on 28 October 2019 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Stewards advised Mr Gear that all prizemoney received from this event be returned to Racing Queensland.

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