

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Terry Hall – Leopard Queen

Date: 25 August 2020

Panel: R Hitchener, B Cooke & B McErlean

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into a report from the analyst that the prohibited substance DEXAMETHASONE was detected in a urine sample taken from LEOPARD QUEEN at the Toowoomba Turf Club on 21 December 2019.

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, this inquiry was conducted by written correspondence and Trainer Terry Hall was provided with documentary evidence from the Racing Science Centre (RSC) and the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL).

After considering the evidence, Mr. Hall pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to AR 240 (2) which reads:

Subject to subrule (3), if a horse has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in any sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

As the trainer of LEOPARD QUEEN, he brought that mare to the Toowoomba Turf Club on 21 December 2019, for the purpose of participating in a race and a post-race urine sample taken after LEOPARD QUEEN competed in the Class 2 Handicap 1640m, revealed the prohibited substance Dexamethasone being detected.

When considering an appropriate penalty for this breach, the Panel were of the view the following points to be relevant:

1. Mr. Hall's unblemished record as a trainer with respect to matters such as these;
2. The forthright evidence he provided and his guilty plea;
3. Penalty precedents for Dexamethasone;
4. Need for both a specific deterrent to Mr. Hall and a general deterrent to the wider industry that these matters have a negative impact on the image of the sport.

After taking the above into account, Mr Hall was subsequently fined \$2000.

Furthermore, acting under the provisions of AR 240(1) LEOPARD QUEEN was disqualified from its second placing in the Class 2 Handicap 1640m and the placing's were amended as follows.

Toowoomba- Class 2 Handicap 1640m

1st – HIGHER LOVE

2nd – A LITTLE CRAFTY

3rd – BEL BEAU

4th – TOCOKOE

5TH – CHECKMATE KING

Mr. Hall was made aware of his right to an internal review into the finding of the Stewards.
