

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Denis Schultz

Date: 6th April 2021

Panel: J Adams, C Allison, T Hudson and E Suli

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the events and circumstances surrounding the treatment and care of a registered three-year-old Citiwyse x Lady Long Legs filly, who was in the care of Licensed Trainer Mr Denis Schultz, leading up to the filly being euthanised on veterinary advice on 3 September 2020.

After considering the evidence, Trainer Mr Schultz was issued a charge pursuant to AR 231 (1)(b)(ii) & (iii), which reads:

- 1) A person must not;
 - (b) if the person is in charge of a horse – fail at any time:
 - (ii) to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain inflicted upon or being suffered by the horse;
 - (iii) to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary for the horse.

The specifics of the charge being that in the days leading up to 31 August 2020, Denis Shultz as a licensed trainer failed to take reasonable steps to alleviate pain and or suffering of the registered three-year-old Citiwyse x Lady Long Legs filly or to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment was necessary.

Mr Schultz pleaded not guilty to the charge and made further submissions.

After considering the submissions, Stewards were comfortably satisfied that sufficient evidence existed to substantiate the charge and Mr Schultz was formally found guilty of the charge.

When considering an appropriate penalty, stewards view breaches of this kind very seriously, as it can have a detrimental effect on the image of racing, and penalties must serve as a general deterrent to illustrate to the entire racing industry that these activities cannot be condoned. Stewards also took into account previous penalties for breaches of this rule, penalty submissions and Mr Schutz's record.

Mr Schultz had his license to train suspended for a period of 12 months to commence midnight 13 April 2021 and to conclude midnight 13 April 2022.

Mr Schultz was made aware of his rights to an internal review regarding this decision.