

# Stewards' Report

**Date:** Tuesday, 18 May 2021  
**Panel:** Mr W Hadley (Chair), Mr D Broxham.  
**Person:** Mr Wayne Scott  
**Rule:** GAR 83(2)(a)  
**Charge:** Mr Wayne Scott presented the greyhound Fernando Beach to compete in Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 03 March 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance.  
**Substance:** Dexamethasone.  
**Penalty:** \$1500 with \$750 suspended for two years.

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On Tuesday, 18 May 2021 the Queensland Racing Integrity (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings, which stated the prohibited substance Dexamethasone was found in a sample taken from Fernando Beach when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 03 March 2021.

Submissions were made by Mr Scott, the licensed trainer of Fernando Beach.

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:

As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club in Race 8 on 03 March 2021 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found upon analysis to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Mr Scott pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions in relation to penalty to Stewards.

The QRIC Stewards considered the following on penalty:

- Mr Scott's guilty plea;
- Mr Scott's time as a trainer being approximately 40 years;
- Mr Scott's forthright evidence and cooperation;
- Mr Scott's submissions of changes to his husbandry routines;
- Mr Scott's has no prior breaches of a similar rule;
- The nature of the prohibited substance Dexamethasone;

- The need to maintain integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- The need for both specific and general deterrence; and,
- Relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the QRIC Stewards issued the following:

A monetary penalty of \$1500, however under the provisions of GAR 95(3) stewards ordered \$750 be wholly suspended for 2 years under the condition Mr Scott does not offend under a similar rule.

Acting under the provisions of GAR 83(4), Stewards ordered Fernando Beach be disqualified from Race 8 on 03 March 2021 at Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club with the placings amended accordingly. Mr Scott was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

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