

# Stewards' Report

**Date:** Friday, 24 September 2021  
**Panel:** Mr W Hadley (Chair), Mr D Broxham  
**Person:** Mrs Kerry Hoggan  
**Rule:** GAR 83(2)(a)  
**Charge:** Mrs Kerry Hoggan presented the greyhound Anacapri to compete in:  
1. Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 March 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance  
2. Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 10 April 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance  
**Substance:** Dexamethasone  
**Penalty:** \$1,500.00 fine

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On 24 September 2021, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings that the prohibited substance Dexamethasone was detected in urine samples collected from Anacapri when it competed at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 March 2021 and the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 10 April 2021 respectively.

Submissions were made by Mrs Hoggan as the licensed trainer of Anacapri.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) charges pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a), which provides:

*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.*

The specifics of the two (2) charges are as follows:

Charge 1: As the trainer of the greyhound Anacapri, Kerry Hoggan did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 March 2021 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Charge 2: As the trainer of the greyhound Anacapri, Kerry Hoggan did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 10 April 2021 and a post-race sample taken from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Mrs Hoggan pleaded guilty to both charges and made submissions in relation to penalty to Stewards.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mrs Hoggan's guilty plea;
- Mrs Hoggan's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately twenty (20) years;
- Mrs Hoggan's forthright evidence and cooperation;
- Mrs Hoggan's disciplinary history, noting Mrs Hoggan has no prior breaches of a similar rule;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Dexamethasone;
- the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- the need for both specific and general deterrence; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the Stewards issued the following penalty:

A monetary penalty of a \$1,500.00 fine, with Stewards noting that both breaches were based upon the same facts and, as Mrs Hoggan did not have the benefit of being notified of the initial positive and therefore was not afforded any opportunity to amend her husbandry practices, Stewards imposed one penalty for both breaches.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(4), Stewards directed that Anacapri be disqualified from Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 March 2021 and Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 10 April 2021.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(5), Stewards directed that Anacapri be disqualified from Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 24 March 2021 (3<sup>rd</sup> place), being a further event of the series in which Anacapri had previously competed in and the prohibited substance Dexamethasone was detected in the greyhound's post-race sample.

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly.

Mrs Hoggan was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

Mrs Hoggan was advised of her right to an Internal Review.