

Stewards' Report

Date: Friday, 24 September 2021
Panel: Mr W Hadley (Chair), Mr D Broxham
Person: Mrs Norma Dacey
Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)
Charge: Mrs Norma Dacey presented the greyhound Daysea's Joey to compete in Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 July 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance: Cobalt
Penalty: Twelve (12) month suspension with eight (8) months wholly suspended for two (2) years

On 24 September 2021, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analyst's findings that the prohibited substance Cobalt was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Daysea's Joey when it competed and won at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 July 2021.

Submissions were made by Mrs Norma Dacey as the trainer of Daysea's Joey.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge 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 charge are as follows:

As the trainer of the greyhound Daysea's Joey, Norma Dacey did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 July 2021 and a post-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Cobalt.

Mrs Dacey pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mrs Dacey's personal circumstances;
- Mrs Dacey's guilty plea;
- Mrs Dacey's time in the greyhound racing industry, being approximately thirty (30) years;
- Mrs Dacey's disciplinary history, noting Mrs Dacey has no prior breaches of a similar rule;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Cobalt;
- 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 suspension of Mrs Dacey's licence for a period of twelve (12) months whereby Stewards, acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 95(3), elected to wholly suspend eight (8) months for a period of two (2) years pending no similar breach of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

Mrs Dacey's suspension is to commence at midnight on 24 September 2021 until midnight on 23 January 2022.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(5)(b), Stewards directed that Daysea's Joey be disqualified from Race 8 at Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 July 2021.

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