

Stewards' Report

Date: Friday, 24 September 2021

Panel: Mr W Hadley (Chairman), D Broxham

Person: Mr Wayne Scott

Rule: GAR 83(2)(a)

Charges: Mr Wayne Scott presented the greyhound Fernando Beach to compete in:

1. Race 9 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 6 March 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
2. Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 March 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
3. Race 7 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 April 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
4. Race 7 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 April 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
5. Race 8 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 23 April 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance

Substance: Dexamethasone

Penalty: \$1,500.00 fine

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 the greyhound Fernando Beach when it competed in Race 9 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 6 March 2021, Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 March 2021, Race 7 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 April 2021, Race 7 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 April 2021, and Race 8 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 23 April 2021 respectively.

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

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued five (5) 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 five (5) charges are as follows:

Charge 1: As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed and won in Race 9 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 6 March 2021 and a post-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Charge 2: As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed and won in Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 March 2021 and a post-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Charge 3: As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed and placed third in Race 7 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 April 2021 and a pre-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Charge 4: As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed and won in Race 7 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 April 2021 and a post-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

Charge 5: As the trainer of the greyhound Fernando Beach, Wayne Scott did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed and won in Race 8 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 1 April 2021 and a pre-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Dexamethasone.

M Scott pleaded guilty to all five (5) charges and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Scott's guilty plea;
- Mr Scott's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately forty (40) years;
- Mr Scott's forthright evidence and cooperation;
- Mr Scott's submissions of changes to his husbandry routines;
- Mr Scott's disciplinary history, noting Mr Scott 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 all five (5) breaches were based upon the same facts and, as Mr Scott did not have the benefit of being notified of the initial positive and therefore was not afforded any opportunity to amend his husbandry practices, Stewards imposed one penalty for all five (5) breaches.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(4), Stewards directed that Fernando Beach be disqualified from the following:

1. Race 9 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 6 March 2021 (1st place)
2. Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 March 2021 (1st place)
3. Race 7 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 April 2021 (3rd place)
4. Race 7 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 14 April 2021 (1st place)
5. Race 8 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 23 April 2021 (1st place)

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(5), Stewards directed that Fernando Beach be disqualified from Race 8 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 25 March 2021 (1st place) and Race 8 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 30 April 2021 (5th place), being further events of the series in which Fernando Beach 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.

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.