

# Stewards' Report

**Date:** Tuesday, 14 December 2021  
**Panel:** Mr W Hadley (Chair)  
**Person:** Mr Darren Makowiecki  
**Rule:** GAR 86(o)  
**Charge:** Negligence as result of Mr Makowiecki's omission to immediately attend upon the greyhound BIG BASH HEALY when that greyhound was in whelp on 5 January 2021  
**Penalty:** Three (3) month suspension wholly suspended for twelve (12) months

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Stewards of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission today concluded an inquiry in respect of the whelping of a litter by greyhound BIG BASH HEALY on 5 January 2021 in which Mr Darren Makowiecki was the registered breeder.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge to Mr Makowiecki pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 86(o), which provides:

*A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person -*

*(o) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which, in the opinion of the Stewards or the Controlling Body, as the case may be, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper, or constitutes misconduct*

The specifics of the charge are as follows:

That Darren Makowiecki, as a licensed greyhound breeder and trainer, did omit to immediately attend to the greyhound BIG BASH HEALY on 5 January 2021 upon being notified that the greyhound was in whelp and had encountered complications during the whelping process when he was engaged to whelp that greyhound's litter, which omission, in the opinion of the Stewards, was negligent.

Mr Makowiecki entered a plea of not guilty to the charge.

Stewards found Mr Makowiecki guilty as charged and Mr Makowiecki provided brief submissions in respect of penalty.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Makowiecki's plea of not guilty to the charge;
- Mr Makowiecki's time in the greyhound racing industry, being a licensed participant for approximately ten (10) years;
- Mr Makowiecki's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;

- the nature of Mr Makowiecki's offending, being at the lowest end of the scale in respect of negligence;
- Mr Makowiecki's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of a similar nature; and
- the need for both specific and general deterrence.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed a penalty of a three (3) month suspension of Mr Makowiecki's licence to be wholly suspended for a period of twelve (12) months on the condition that he does not reoffend throughout that period.

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