

Stewards' Report

Date:	Tuesday, 14 December 2021
Panel:	Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley, Mr C Ferguson
Person:	Mr Wesely Green
Rule:	GAR 83(2)(a)
Charges:	Mr Wesely Green presented the greyhound Desperado Lad to compete in Race 12 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 October 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide
Penalty:	Six (6) week suspension to commence at midnight on 19 January 2022, being the conclusion of Mr Green's current suspension period

On 14 December 2021, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substances Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide were detected in a urine sample collected from the greyhound Desperado Lad when it competed in Race 12 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 October 2021.

Submissions were made by Mr Wesely Green as the licensed trainer of Desperado Lad at the relevant time.

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:

Mr Wesely Green, as the trainer of the greyhound Desperado Lad, did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in, and won, Race 12 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 October 2021 and a urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substances Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide.

Mr Green pleaded guilty to the charges and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Green's plea of guilty at the first available opportunity;
- Mr Green's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately fifteen (15) years;
- Mr Green's forthright evidence and cooperation;
- Mr Green's disciplinary history, noting Mr Green has three (3) prior breaches of the same rule relating to the same substance but had not had an opportunity to amend his husbandry practices upon being notified of the three (3) prior breaches;

- the nature of the prohibited substances, being Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide, and noting that such substances should not be present in greyhounds as it is a human substance and therefore has no place in the greyhound racing industry;
- 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 imposed a penalty of a six (6) week suspension of Mr Green's licence.

Stewards directed that Mr Green's suspension is to commence at midnight on 19 January 2022 following the completion of Mr Green's current suspension period.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(4), Stewards directed that Desperado Lad be disqualified from Race 12 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 October 2021 (1st place).

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly and Mr Green was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

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