

## Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 22 March 2022
<b>Panel:</b>	Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley
<b>Person:</b>	Mrs Myra Mclennan
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 83(2)(a)
<b>Charges:</b>	Mrs Myra Mclennan presented the greyhound Dahomey Africa to compete in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 24 December 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
<b>Substance:</b>	Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol
<b>Penalty:</b>	\$1,500.00 fine

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On 22 March 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substances Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol were detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Dahomey Africa when it competed in, and won, Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 24 December 2021.

Submissions were made by Mrs Myra Mclennan during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Dahomey Africa 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:

Mrs Myra Mclennan, as the trainer of the greyhound Dahomey Africa, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 24 December 2021 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 24 December 2021.

Mrs Mclennan entered a plea of guilty to the charge and made further submissions in respect of penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mrs Mclennan's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mrs Mclennan's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately twelve (12) years;
- Mrs Mclennan's disciplinary history, noting Mrs Mclennan has no prior breaches of a similar rule;
- Mrs Mclennan's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;

- Mrs McLennan's explanation as to how the substances likely came to be present in the greyhound's system;
- Mrs McLennan's review of, and amendment to, her animal husbandry practices;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol;
- 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 \$1,500.00 fine.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(4), Stewards directed that Dahomey Africa be disqualified from Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 24 December 2021 (1<sup>st</sup> place).

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

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