

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Trainer Mr. Ben Robinson.

Date: 24 May 2022

Panel: P Zimmermann, P Chadwick, D Aurisch, C Simpson.

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the events and circumstances which ultimately led to an unnamed yearling colt by All Too Hard X Purple Royal being euthanised on 31 March 2022.

After considering of the evidence, Trainer Mr Robinson was issued a charge pursuant to **AR 231(1)(b)(iii)**, which reads:

A person must not, if the person is in charge of a horse, fail at any time: to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary for the horse.

The particulars of the charge being that Mr Robinson as the Trainer and carer of the All Too Hard X Purple Royal colt between approximately the 13 February 2022 and 31 March 2022, did fail to seek, and provide professional veterinary treatment for the colt, when such treatment was necessary after it was exhibiting acute pain in both front feet. A subsequent veterinary consultation which included x-rays of the affected hooves revealed a poor prognosis and acting on veterinary advice the colt was euthanised on humane grounds.

Mr Robinson pleaded guilty to the charge and made submissions regarding penalty.

In determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Mr Robinson's record over a long period of time, his conscious attempts to provide some treatment to the colt and his personal circumstances. Stewards were also mindful of similar penalty precedents, the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing and the need for a penalty to serve as an appropriate deterrent to ensure racing is conducted with the required care and welfare of all animals.

Mr Robinson was subsequently disqualified for a period of 12 months to take immediate effect and to conclude at midnight 23 May 2023. Stewards also acting under the provisions of AR 283 (7) advised Mr Robinson that he would be required to relinquish any ownership he may have and disperse all thoroughbred horses on his property within seven days.

Mr Robinson was made aware of his appeal rights.