

Stewards' Report

Date:	Wednesday, 4 May 2022
Panel:	Mr W Hadley (Chairperson), Ms A Turner
Person:	Mr Gary Keep
Rule:	GAR 83(2)(a)
Charges:	Mr Gary Keep presented the greyhound: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. My Psychiatrist to compete in Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 December 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance2. My Psychiatrist to compete in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 20 January 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Hydrochlorothiazide
Penalty:	Six (6) week suspension to be served concurrently

On 4 May 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide was detected in a urine sample collected from the greyhound My Psychiatrist when it competed in Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 December 2021 and when it competed in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 20 January 2022 respectively.

Submissions were made by Mr Gary Keep as the licensed trainer of My Psychiatrist at the relevant times.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) 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 Charge 1 are as follows:

Mr Gary Keep, as the trainer of the greyhound My Psychiatrist, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 December 2021 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Hydrochlorothiazide 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 13 December 2021.

The specifics of Charge 2 are as follows:

Mr Gary Keep, as the trainer of the greyhound My Psychiatrist, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 20 January 2022 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Hydrochlorothiazide as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 20 January 2022.

Mr Keep entered a plea of not guilty to both charges and made further submissions in respect of the charges.

Stewards formally found Mr Keep guilty of both charges and Mr Keep then made submissions in respect of penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Keep's plea of not guilty to both charges;
- Mr Keep's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately fifty-three (53) years, together with his respected standing within the industry;
- Mr Keep's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Keep's disciplinary history, noting Mr Keep had one (1) prior breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a) in 2017;
- Mr Keep's explanation with supporting documentation as to the most likely cause of how the substance came to be present in the greyhound's system;
- Mr Keep's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Hydrochlorothiazide;
- in respect of Charge 2, Stewards noted that Mr Keep had been advised of the breach the subject of Charge 1 and was therefore afforded the opportunity to scratch My Psychiatrist on 20 January 2022 but instead elected for the greyhound to compete in the event;
- 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 the following penalties:

Charge 1: A six (6) week suspension of Mr Keep's licence.

Charge 2: A six (6) week suspension of Mr Keep's licence to be served concurrently with Charge 1.

The Stewards directed that the penalty imposed in respect of Charge 2 be served concurrently with the penalty imposed in respect of Charge 1 due to Mr Keep's significant time in the greyhound racing industry with only one (1) prior breach of a similar nature on his disciplinary history.

Stewards directed that Mr Keep's suspension is to commence at midnight on 4 May 2022 and is to expire at midnight on 15 June 2022.

Stewards permitted Mr Keep seven (7) days from midnight 4 May 2022 to transfer all greyhounds from his control as trainer, with Stewards permission being required for each transfer.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(4), Stewards directed the following:

1. that My Psychiatrist be disqualified from Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 December 2021 (1st place); and
2. that My Psychiatrist be disqualified from Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 20 January 2022 (2nd place).

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly and Mr Keep was advised that all prizemoney associated with these events must be returned to Racing Queensland.

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