

## Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Tuesday, 19 October 2021
<b>Panel:</b>	Mr W Hadley (Chairman), Ms A Turner
<b>Person:</b>	Mr Wesely Green
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 83(2)(a)
<b>Charges:</b>	Mr Wesely Green presented the greyhound: <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Codrington Lass to compete in Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 June 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance</li><li>2. Codrington Lass to compete in Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 15 July 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance</li><li>3. Desperado Lad to compete in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 3 August 2021 when it was not free of a prohibited substance</li></ol>
<b>Substance:</b>	Hydrochlorothiazide
<b>Penalty:</b>	Three (3) month licence suspension to be served concurrently

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On 19 October 2021, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide was detected in urine samples collected from the greyhound Codrington Lass when it competed in Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 June 2021 and Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 15 July 2021, and from Desperado Lad when it competed in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 3 August 2021.

Submissions were made by Mr Wesely Green as the licensed trainer of Codrington Lass and Desperado Lad at the relevant times.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued three (3) 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 the three (3) charges are as follows:

**Charge 1:** Mr Wesely Green, as the trainer of the greyhound Codrington Lass, did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 June 2021 and a pre-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide.

**Charge 2:** Mr Wesely Green, as the trainer of the greyhound Codrington Lass, did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 15 July 2021 and a pre-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide.

**Charge 3:** 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 and won in Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 3 August 2021 and a post-race urine sample collected from that greyhound was found, upon analysis, to contain the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide.

Mr Green entered a plea of guilty to all three (3) charges and made submissions to the panel regarding penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Green's plea of guilty to all three (3) charges;
- 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 no prior breaches of a similar rule;
- no explanation as to how the substance likely came to be present in the greyhounds' system;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Hydrochlorothiazide
- 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 issued the following penalties:

**Charge 1:** Three (3) month licence suspension.

**Charge 2:** Three (3) month licence suspension to be served concurrently with the penalty in respect of Charge 1.

**Charge 3:** Three (3) month licence suspension to be served concurrently with the penalty in respect of Charge 1.

Stewards directed that Mr Green's suspension commence at midnight on 19 October 2021 and is to expire at midnight on 19 January 2022.

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

1. that Codrington Lass be disqualified from Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 28 June 2021 (5<sup>th</sup> place);
2. that Codrington Lass be disqualified from Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 15 July 2021 (5<sup>th</sup> place); and
3. that Desperado Lad be disqualified from Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 3 August 2021 (1<sup>st</sup> place).

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

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