

Stewards' Report

Date: Thursday, 30 June 2022

Panel: Mr W Hadley (Chairman), Mr D Broxham

Person: Mr David Smith

Rule: GAR 84B(1), GAR 83A(1)

Charges: Mr David Smith:

1. Had in his possession two (2) prohibited substances, being Traumeel and Cralonin, and four (4) syringes without the permission of the Stewards at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 10 June 2021.
2. Administered a treatment, being Traumeel and Cralonin, to greyhounds Prim And Proper, Classy Ethics, Super Estrella and Ice Cream Story without the permission of the Stewards on the day of which those greyhounds were engaged to compete at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 10 June 2021.

Substance: Traumeel and Cralonin

Penalty: Charge 1: \$500.00 fine
Charge 2: \$1,000.00 fine

On 30 June 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry in respect of evidence obtained by the Integrity Investigations Stewards resulting from on-course inspections at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 10 June 2021.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) charges to Mr David Smith pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules as follows:

Charge 1: Issued pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 84B(1), which provides:

No person, unless he or she has obtained the permission of the Stewards, shall have in his or her possession, either on a racecourse or in any motor vehicle or trailer being used for the purpose of travelling to or from a racecourse, any prohibited substance or a syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to a greyhound.

The specifics of Charge 1 were as follows:

That Mr David Smith had in his possession two (2) prohibited substances, being Traumeel and Cralonin, and four (4) syringes, without the permission of the Stewards at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 10 June 2021.

Charge 2: Issued pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rules 83A(1), which provides:

No person without the permission of the Stewards may administer or cause to be administered any treatment to a greyhound at any time on the day of the meeting until that greyhound is no longer presented for an Event.

For the purposes of this Rule, “treatment” includes:

e) All veterinary and other substances containing other scheduled and unscheduled prohibited substances.

The specifics of Charge 2 were as follows:

That Mr David Smith, as the trainer of the greyhounds Prim And Proper, Classy Ethics, Super Estrella and Ice Cream Story, did administer a treatment, being Traumeel and Cralonin, to those greyhounds without the permission of the Stewards on the day of which those greyhounds were engaged to compete at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 10 June 2021.

Mr Smith entered a plea of guilty to Charge 1 and Charge 2 and made brief submissions to the Stewards in respect of penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Smith’s plea of guilty to Charge 1 and Charge 2 at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Smith’s time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately twenty-three (23) years;
- Mr Smith’s forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Smith’s exemplary disciplinary history, noting Mr Smith had no prior breaches of a similar nature;
- the nature of the prohibited substances, particularly noting that Traumeel and Cralonin are therapeutic substances;
- 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: \$500.00 fine

Charge 2: \$1,000.00 fine

Pursuant to GAR83A(2), Stewards ordered that greyhounds Prim and Proper, Classy Ethics, Super Estrella and Ice Cream Story be withdrawn from their respective events on 10 June 2021.

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