

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Annabel Neasham – Supergiant

Date: 31 October 2022

Panel: Daniel Aurisch & Josh Adams

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into a report from members of the QRIC Integrity Investigations Team (IIT), which performed routine stable inspections at Eagle Farm on Saturday 15 October 2022, that SUPERGIANT a horse engaged to compete in Race 8 at Eagle Farm on that day, had undergone shockwave therapy at Warwick Farm on Saturday 8 October 2022 for minor soreness.

The IIT members did question Mr Todd Pollard, foreman for Miss Neasham, and he confirmed that SUPERGIANT had been treated by the Stable Veterinarian with shockwave therapy the previous Saturday morning, and subsequently this being inside the allowable 7 clear days following midnight of the treatment. SUPERGIANT was subsequently withdrawn by the stable prior to the 7.30am scratching deadline.

Today, the Stewards considered evidence from Annabel Neasham, trainer of SUPERGIANT, and also documentary evidence from Miss Neasham's stable veterinarian. Miss Neasham subsequently pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant to AR 86(1)(b), which reads:

If a horse has undergone any form of shockwave therapy, a trainer must not enter or start in, any race, official trial or jump-out for 7 clear days following midnight on the day of the therapy.

The specifics of the charge being that Trainer Annabel Neasham, did enter SUPERGIANT to the Benchmark 80 Hcp 1820 Metres, when it had been identified by the QRIC IIT members that the gelding had undergone shockwave therapy on 8 October 2022, which was inside the 7 clear day period following midnight on the day of the therapy.

Miss Neasham was fined \$2000, the Stewards ordered that \$1000 be wholly suspended for 2 years under the auspices of AR283(5) on the proviso that Miss Neasham doesn't breach this rule during this period.

Miss Neasham was advised of her rights to apply for an internal review of the decision.