

Stewards' Report

Date:	Friday, 7 October 2022
Panel:	Mr R Doss (Chairperson), Mr J Randall
Person:	Mrs Christine Pollard
Rule:	GAR 149(1)
Charges:	Possession of a prohibited substance without the permission of the Stewards which substance was located in a trailer used for the purpose of travelling to the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 4 May 2022
Substance:	Green Stuff Cough Syrup
Penalty:	\$500.00 fine

On 7 October 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry in respect of evidence obtained from a routine carpark inspection of a greyhound trailer conducted at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 4 May 2022.

Submissions were made by Mrs Christine Pollard as the person in possession of the subject greyhound trailer at the relevant time.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 149(1), which provides:

An offence under these Rules is committed if, without the permission of a Controlling Body or the Stewards, and except in the case of an officiating veterinarian carrying standard equipment, a person has a prohibited substance or a syringe, needle or other instrument which could be used to administer a prohibited substance to a greyhound in their possession, either on a racecourse or in any motor vehicle or trailer being used for the purpose of travelling to or from a racecourse.

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

That Mrs Christine Pollard did have in her possession Green Stuff Cough Syrup without the permission of the Stewards which substance was located within her greyhound trailer used for the purpose of travelling to the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 4 May 2022

Mrs Pollard entered a plea of guilty to the charge and made brief submissions in respect of penalty.

In determining the matter of penalty, Stewards considered the following:

- Mrs Pollard's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mrs Pollard's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mrs Pollard's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately thirty-five (35) years;
- Mrs Pollard's explanation as to why she was in possession of Green Stuff Cough Syrup at the racecourse without the approval of the Stewards;
- Mrs Pollard disciplinary history, noting no prior offences of a similar nature;

- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Green Stuff Cough Syrup;
- the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- the need for both specific deterrence to Mrs Pollard and general deterrence to the wider industry; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a fine in the amount of \$500.00.

Mrs Pollard was advised of her right to an internal review.