

Stewards' Report

Date:	Thursday, 10 November 2022
Panel:	Ms S Barr (Chairperson), Ms A Turner, Ms B McErlean
Person:	Mr John Bradley
Rule:	GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges:	Mr John Bradley presented the greyhound Drink Long Necks to compete in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 August 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Salbutamol
Penalty:	\$1,500.00 fine with \$750.00 suspended for twelve (12) months

On 10 November 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Salbutamol was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Drink Long Necks when it competed in, and won, Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 August 2022.

Submissions were made by Mr John Bradley as the licensed trainer of Drink Long Necks at the relevant time.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(1)(a), which states:

The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound, nominated to compete in an Event, must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

That Mr John Bradley, as the trainer of the greyhound Drink Long Necks, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 August 2022 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Salbutamol 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 18 August 2022.

Mr Bradley 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:

- Mr Bradley's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Bradley's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately sixty (60) years;
- Mr Bradley's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Bradley's explanation as to the likely source of the prohibited substance, being inadvertent contamination as a result of Mr Bradley's medical condition which requires the daily use of a ventolin inhaler;

- Mr Bradley's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices upon being notified of the positive sample, including the reduced handling of his greyhounds and the purchase of a trailer to transport his greyhounds, thus mitigating the risk of contamination when being transported in his private vehicle;
- Mr Bradley's disciplinary history, noting one (1) prior breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a) in 2016;
- the nature of the prohibited substance, being Salbutamol and how the daily use of a ventolin inhaler may create a risk of inadvertent exposure to the substance;
- 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 Mr Bradley and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- prior penalty precedents in recent similar cases.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a fine in the amount of \$1,500.00 with Stewards electing to wholly suspend \$750.00 pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) for a period of twelve (12) months conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Drink Long Necks be disqualified from Race 2 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 18 August 2022 (1st place).

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly and Mr Bradley was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

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