

## Stewards' Report

**Date:** Monday, 5 December 2022  
**Panel:** Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley  
**Person:** Mrs Jean Hose  
**Rule:** GAR 83(2)(a)  
**Charges:** Mrs Jean Hose presented the greyhound:

1. Springtime Lad to compete in Race 10 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 7 February 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
2. Springtime Lad to compete in Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 14 February 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
3. Springtime Jet to compete in Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 February 2022 when it was not free of a prohibited substance

**Substance:** Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol

**Penalty:** Eight (8) week licence suspension wholly suspended on 22 March 2022 be invoked  
Charge 1: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with the eight (8) week licence suspension imposed on 22 March 2022  
Charge 2: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with Charge 1  
Charge 3: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with Charge 1

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On 5 December 2022, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substances Tramadol and O-Desmethyltramadol were detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Springtime Lad when it competed in, and won, Race 10 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 7 February 2022, in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Springtime Lad when it competed in, and won, Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 14 February 2022, and in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Springtime Jet when it competed in, and won, Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 February 2022.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued three (3) charges pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a) effective 1 July 2016, 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 Charge 1 were as follows:

That Mrs Jean Hose, as the trainer of the greyhound Springtime Lad, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 10 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 7 February 2022 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Tramadol and O-desmethyltramadol, 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 7 February 2022.

The specifics of Charge 2 were as follows:

That Mrs Jean Hose, as the trainer of the greyhound Springtime Lad, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 14 February 2022 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Tramadol and O-desmethyltramadol, 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 14 February 2022.

The specifics of Charge 3 were as follows:

That Mrs Jean Hose, as the trainer of the greyhound Springtime Jet, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 February 2022 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Tramadol and O-desmethyltramadol, 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 17 February 2022.

Mrs Hose entered a plea of guilty to all three (3) charges and made submissions in respect of penalty.

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

- Mrs Hose's plea of guilty to all three (3) charges at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mrs Hose's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately thirty-seven (37) years;
- Mrs Hose's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mrs Hose's explanation as to how the substances likely came to be present in the greyhounds' system;
- Mrs Hose's disciplinary history, noting ten (10) prior breaches of the same rule in the previous twelve (12) months involving the same substances;
- that Mrs Hose was provided the opportunity to review and amend her animal husbandry practices, having first being notified of a positive result to the substances on 25 January 2022, with the subject three (3) positive results being incurred from samples collected on 7 February 2022, 14 February 2022 and 17 February 2022 respectively;

- that Mrs Hose had her licence suspended for a period of eight (8) weeks in respect of ten (10) previous breaches involving the same substances, with Stewards electing to wholly suspend the suspension period conditional upon no similar breach;
- 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 Hose and general deterrence to the wider industry; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

The Stewards, having considered the above factors, determined that the wholly suspended eight (8) week suspension of Mrs Hose's licence imposed on 22 March 2022 be invoked as a result of the further three (3) breaches of the same rule, with the eight (8) week suspension of Mrs Hose's licence to commence at midnight on Friday, 9 December 2022.

Further, Stewards determined the appropriate penalty for each offence as follows:

Charge 1: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with the invoked eight (8) week licence suspension commencing at midnight on Friday, 9 December 2022

Charge 2: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with Charge 1

Charge 3: Eight (8) week licence suspension to be served concurrently with Charge 1

with the total suspension period being eight (8) weeks commencing at midnight on Friday, 9 December 2022.

Further, Stewards permitted Mrs Hose fourteen (14) days from midnight 9 December 2022 to transfer all greyhounds from her care and custody, with Stewards permission being required for each transfer.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that:

1. Springtime Lad be disqualified from Race 10 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 7 February 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> place);
2. Springtime Lad be disqualified from Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 14 February 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> place); and
3. Springtime Jet be disqualified from Race 6 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 February 2022 (1<sup>st</sup> place).

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

Mrs Hose was advised of her right to an Internal Review.