

Stewards' Report

Date:	Friday, 20 January 2023
Panel:	Mr W Hadley (Chairperson), Ms Aleisha Turner, Mr M Fernholz
Person:	Mr Jeffrey Henzell
Rule:	GAR 151(1), GAR 148(2)
Charges:	1. Failed to keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhounds in his care and custody at his registered kennel address on or around 20 December 2022 2. Was found to be in possession of a substance which had not been prescribed or dispensed in accordance with relevant State and Commonwealth legislation at his registered kennel address on or around 20 December 2022
Penalty:	Charge 1: \$200.00 fine Charge 2: \$300.00 fine

On 20 January 2023, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry in respect of evidence obtained from a kennel inspection undertaken at the registered kennel address of licensed trainer Mr Jeffrey Henzell on 20 December 2022, at which inspection Mr Henzell's treatment records were found to be non-compliant and further was found to be in possession of a substance that had not been prescribed or dispensed in accordance with relevant State and Commonwealth legislation.

After considering all of the evidence, including submissions made by Mr Henzell, Stewards issued two (2) charges pursuant to the Greyhounds Australasia Rules as follows:

Charge 1: Issued pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 151(1), which provides:

The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhound:

(a) from the time the greyhound enters their care until the greyhound leaves their care; and

(b) for a minimum of two years.

The specifics of Charge 1 were as follows:

That Mr Jeffrey Henzell, being a trainer licensed with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, failed to keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhounds in his care and custody at his registered kennel address on or around 20 December 2022.

Charge 2: Issued pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 148(2), which provides:

A person must not provide, possess, acquire, attempt to acquire, administer, attempt to administer or allow to be administered to a greyhound, any prohibited substance, exempted substance or other substance (including any other medication, medicine, injectable substance, supplement, herbal product or therapeutic good), that is not labelled, prescribed, dispensed and obtained in accordance with relevant Commonwealth, state and territory legislation.

The specifics of Charge 2 were as follows:

That Mr Jeffrey Henzell, being a trainer licensed with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, was found to be in possession of a substance which had not been prescribed or dispensed in compliance with relevant State or Commonwealth legislation at his registered kennel address on or around 20 December 2022.

Mr Henzell entered a plea of guilty to both Charge 1 and Charge 2 and made brief submissions to the Stewards regarding penalty.

In determining penalty, Stewards considered the following:

- Mr Henzell's plea of guilty to both charges at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Henzell's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately four (4) years;
- Mr Henzell's disciplinary history, noting no prior offences of a similar nature;
- the nature of Mr Henzell's offending, being non-compliant treatment records and the possession of a substance that had not been prescribed or dispensed in accordance with relevant State and Commonwealth legislation, together with Mr Henzell's submissions regarding the circumstances of the offending;
- that holding a licence within the greyhound racing industry is a privilege, not a right, and it is the participant's responsibility to comply with his/her obligations under the Greyhounds Australasia Rules;
- the need for both specific deterrence to Mr Henzell and general deterrence to the wider industry; and
- relevant penalty precedents.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1: A fine in the amount of \$200.00.

Charge 2: A fine in the amount of \$300.00.

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