

Stewards' Report

Date:	Thursday, 20 July 2023
Panel:	Mr N Thorneycroft (Chairperson), Mr D Aurisch, Ms S Barr
Person:	Mr Chris Brydon
Rule:	GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges:	Mr Chris Brydon presented the greyhound Techno Terror to compete in Race 3 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 14 May 2023 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Gabapentin
Penalty:	\$1500.00 fine

On 20 July 2023, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Gabapentin was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Techno Terror when it competed in, and won, Race 3 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 14 May 2023.

Submissions were made by Mr Chris Brydon during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Techno Terror at the relevant time.

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

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 that charge are as follows:

That Mr Chris Brydon as the trainer of the greyhound Techno Terror, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 3 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 14 May 2023 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Gabapentin 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 May 2023.

Mr Brydon entered a plea of guilty to the charge.

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

- Mr Brydon's plea of guilty to the charge;
- Mr Brydon's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately six (6) years and attendant for approximately 22 years;
- Consideration of the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines;
- Mr Brydon's exemplary disciplinary history

- 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 Brydon and general deterrence to the wider industry.
- Relevant penalty precedents.
- The Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1: \$1500.00 fine

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Techno Terror be disqualified from Race 3 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 14 May 2023 and ordered that the placings be amended accordingly.

Mr Brydon was advised of his right to appeal.