

# Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday, 28 June 2023
<b>Panel:</b>	Mr N Thorneycroft (Chairperson), Mr D Aurisch, Mr J Philp
<b>Person:</b>	Mrs Jeanette Cauchi
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 142(1)(a) & GAR 151(1)
<b>Charges:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Mrs Jeanette Cauchi did administer a prohibited substance, being Apomorphine, to the greyhound 'Emerald Dragon' on or around 10 March 2023, with that substance being detected in a sample collected from that greyhound when it was presented to compete in Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 March 2023</li><li>2. Mrs Cauchi, the licensed trainer of Emerald Dragon and a person bound by the Greyhound Australasia Rules, failed to keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhounds in her care and custody at her registered kennel address on or around 10 March 2023</li></ol>
<b>Penalty:</b>	Charge 1. Two (2) month suspension wholly suspended for twelve (12) months and a \$2,000.00 fine Charge 2. \$200 fine

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On 28 June 2023, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Apomorphine was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Emerald Dragon when it competed in, and won, Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 March 2023.

Submissions were made by Mrs Jeanette Cauchi during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Emerald Dragon at the relevant time.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued the following charges pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rules;

## Charge 1

GAR 142(1)(a)

*An offence is committed if a person:*

*(a) administers, attempts to administer or causes to be administered a prohibited*

*substance to a greyhound; which is established in any sample taken from a greyhound presented for an Event or when subject to any other contingency pursuant to the Rules*

The specifics of that charge are as follows:

That Mrs Cauchi did administer a prohibited substance, being Apomorphine, to the greyhound 'Emerald Dragon' on or around 10 March 2023, with that substance being detected in a sample collected from that greyhound when it was presented to compete in Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 March 2023.

## Charge 2

GAR 151(1)

*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 that charge are as follows:

That Mrs Cauchi, the licensed trainer of Emerald Dragon and a person bound by the Greyhound Australasian Rules, failed to keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to Emerald Dragon on or around 10 March 2023

Mrs Jeanette Cauchi entered a plea of guilty to both charges.

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

- Mrs Cauchi's plea of guilty to the charges;
- Mrs Cauchi's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately twenty-six (26) years;
- Consideration of the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines;
- Mrs Cauchi's submissions relating to a medical emergency with the greyhound's welfare her main priority;
- Mrs Cauchi's disciplinary history, noting one (1) prior breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83(2)(a) involving Meloxicam in October 2014;
- 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 Cauchi and general deterrence to the wider industry.
- Relevant penalty precedents.
- The Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalties:

**Charge 1:** Two (2) month licence suspension, with Stewards electing to wholly suspend the suspension for a period of twelve (12) months acting under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) conditional upon no similar breach of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules and a \$2,000.00 fine.

**Charge 2:** \$200 fine.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Emerald Dragon be disqualified from Race 9 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 13 March 2023 and ordered that the placings be amended accordingly.

Mrs Cauchi was advised of her right to appeal.