

Stewards' Report

Stewards Report: Mr Stuie Hill (Trainer)

Date: 25 July 2023

Panel: P. Gillard, S Copelin & A. Holtzhauser

Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today inquired into the circumstances of events surrounding the treatment and care of the registered thoroughbred VLAD VLADIKOFF between 10 May 2023 and 13 May 2023. After hearing all of the evidence and statements received, Mr Hill pleaded guilty to a charge pursuant of AR 231 (1) (b) (i) (ii) (iii) which reads:

Division 5 – Misconduct in relation to the care and welfare of horses

AR 231 Care and welfare of horses

(1) A person must not:

(b) if the person is in charge of a horse – fail at any time:

(i) to exercise reasonable care, control or supervision of the horse so as to prevent an act of cruelty to the horse;

(ii) to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain inflicted upon or being suffered by the horse;

(iii) to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary for the horse;

The specifics of the charge being that between the period of 10 May 2023 and 13 May 2023 as the registered trainer of VLAD VLADIKOFF he failed to exercise reasonable care, control or supervision of the horse so as to prevent an act of cruelty to the horse and that he failed to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain being suffered by the horse, also further that he failed to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such treatment is necessary.

After hearing submissions regarding penalty and in determining an appropriate penalty, Stewards considered Mr Hill's history in racing, disciplinary record, his guilty plea, the nature of the charge, similar penalty precedents, his personal circumstances, the seriousness of the charge and the negative impact such breaches have on the image of racing, further that any penalty should be a deterrent to the broader industry to ensure racing is conducted with the required care and welfare of all animals.

Stewards disqualified Mr Hill for a period of two (2) years. Furthermore, acting under AR 283 (7)(8) Stewards deferred the commencement of the penalty for a period of seven (7) days to allow for Mr Hill to provide adequate care to his horses and make arrangements for the horses to be transferred to new Trainers, subject to the approval of the Stewards. The period of disqualification commences 1 August 2023 and to expire 1 August 2025.

Mr Hill was advised of his rights to an appeal against the steward's decision and the limitations that must be adhered to under the provisions of AR 263 and that of a disqualified person.

