

Stewards' Report

Date:	Wednesday, 4 October 2023
Panel:	Mr D.Broxham (Chairperson), Mr C Ferguson
Person:	Mr Graham Moscow
Rule:	GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges:	Mr Graham presented the greyhound Dolly Moscow to compete in Race 10 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 9 August 2023 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide
Penalty:	Four (4) months suspension with three (3) months wholly suspended for twelve (12) months

On 4 October 2023, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Dolly Moscow when it competed in, Race 10 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 9 August 2023.

Submissions were made by Mr Graham Moscow as the licensed trainer of Dolly Moscow at the relevant time.

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

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 the charge were as follows:

That Mr Moscow, as the trainer of the greyhound Dolly Moscow, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 10 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 9 August 2023 with a prohibited substances in its system, Hydrochlorothiazide and Chlorothiazide 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 9 August 2023.

Mr Moscow entered a plea of guilty to the charge and made brief submissions in respect of penalty.

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

- Mr Moscow's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Moscow's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately 37 years;
- Mr Moscow's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Moscow's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices upon being notified of the positive sample;
- Mr Moscow's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches;

- The nature of the prohibited substance; 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 Moscow's, and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- Prior penalty precedents in recent similar cases.
- The new penalty guidelines implemented March 2023;

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was 4 months suspension with 3 months wholly suspended for 12 months conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Dolly Moscow be disqualified from Race 10 at the Capalaba Greyhound Racing Club on 9 August 2023 (1st place).

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly, and Mr Moscow was advised that all prizemoney associated with this event must be returned to Racing Queensland.

Mr Moscow was advised of his right to appeal.