

## Stewards' Report

**Date:** Monday, 16 October 2023  
**Panel:** Mr D Aurisch (Chairperson), Ms Rachel Pedersen, Mr Wes Maher  
**Person:** Mr Gregory Brennan  
**Rule:** GAR 141(1)(a)  
**Charge:** Presented the greyhound Spot on Polly to race when not free of a prohibited substance.  
**Substance:** Dexamethasone  
**Penalty:** \$2000 with \$500 wholly suspended for twelve (12) months

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Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards today concluded an inquiry into the finding of the analyst that a pre-race sample taken from Spot on Polly when it competed in Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 August 2023 contained a prohibited substance, namely Dexamethasone.

Detailed submissions were given by Mr Gregory Brennan, the trainer of Spot on Polly, in both written and verbal forms.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a 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 the charge were as follows:

That Mr Greg Brennan, as the trainer of the greyhound Spot on Polly, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 4 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 17 August 2023 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Dexamethasone as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 17 August 2023.

Mr Brennan pleaded not guilty to the charge and made some submissions in response to the charge.

The Stewards considered these submissions, however, when considering the results of two (2) Official Laboratories, Mr Brennan was found guilty.

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

- Mr Brennan's plea of not guilty to the to the charge;
- Mr Brennan's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately forty (49) years;
- Mr Brennan disciplinary history, noting no prior breach of a similar rule;
- Consideration of the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines;
- Human Rights Act 2019
- the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants.

Subsequently, Mr Brennan was fined \$2000 with \$500 wholly suspended for twelve (12) months under the provisions of GAR 174 (3).

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Spot On Polly be disqualified from the above-mentioned race at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club.

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

Mr Brennan was advised of his right to appeal.