

## Stewards' Report

**Date:** Tuesday, 23 January 2024  
**Panel:** Mr N Thorneycroft (Chairperson), Mr R Jackson, Ms R Pedersen  
**Person:** Mr Cameron Scott  
**Rule:** LR 12  
**Charges:** Mr Cameron Scott, a licensed greyhound trainer, utilised a barking muzzle on a greyhound on 8 December 2023 without the approval of the Controlling Body  
**Penalty:** \$1,000.00 fine

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On 23 January 2024, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry in respect of evidence obtained from a kennel inspection undertaken at the registered kennel address of licensed trainer Mr Cameron Scott on 8 December 2023, at which a greyhound, being Radical Tom, was found with an affixed barking muzzle that had not been approved by the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission.

Submissions were made by Mr Cameron Scott during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of the subject greyhound.

After considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to Queensland Local Rule of Racing 12, which provides:

*In accordance with GAR30(2)(a), a barking muzzle may be approved by the controlling body for limited use provided that:*

- (1) it does not completely close the greyhound's mouth and allows for reasonable jaw movement.*
- (2) is appropriately sized and fitted by a licensed person so as to not cause pain, injury or distress; and*
- (3) is utilised strictly under the conditions outlined in Schedule 1 of the Local Rules.*

The specifics of the charge were as follows:

That Mr Cameron Scott, a licensed greyhound trainer, did utilise a barking muzzle on a greyhound, being Radical Tom, on 8 December 2023 without the approval of the Controlling Body.

Mr Scott 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 Scott's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity.
- Mr Scott's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately three (3) years.
- Mr Scott's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of a similar nature.
- Mr Scott's forthright evidence throughout the inquiry.

- The nature of Mr Scott's offending, being the utilisation of an unapproved barking muzzle, together with Mr Scott's submissions regarding the circumstances of the offending.
- That holding a licence within the greyhound racing industry is a privilege, not a right, and it is the participant's responsibility to familiarise themselves with the applicable rules and further to comply with his/her obligations under the applicable rules.
- That despite being previously informed about the requirements of obtaining approval from the Controlling Body and following the exemption pathways, Mr Scott wilfully ignored this guidance, displaying a blatant disregard of the applicable rules.
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr Scott and general deterrence to the wider industry.
- Relevant penalty precedents; and
- the *Human Rights Act 2019*.

Accordingly, the Stewards issued a monetary penalty in the amount of \$1,000.00.

Mr Scott was advised of his right to a review of the decision.