

Stewards' Report

Date: Monday, 22 January 2024

Panel: Mr W Hadley (Chairperson), Ms A Turner, Mr M Fernholz, Mr N Thorneycroft, Ms A McLennan

Person: Mrs Donna Howarth

Rule: GAR 169(5)(c)

Disciplinary Action: To impose an interim suspension upon the trainer licence and owner registration of Mrs Donna Howarth pending the outcome of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's inquiry into animal welfare allegations involving greyhounds under the care or custody of Mrs Howarth

The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards convened a Stewards' Inquiry in respect of various animal welfare allegations involving greyhounds under the care and custody of licensed trainer and registered owner Mrs Donna Howarth from 21 June 2023 to the present.

After considering the evidence currently before them, the Stewards imposed an interim suspension upon the trainer licence and owner registration of Mrs Howarth pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(c) pending the outcome of the Stewards' Inquiry.

For clarity, Greyhounds Australasia Rule 169(5)(c) provides:

Pending the decision or outcome of an inquiry or other disciplinary process, a Controlling Body or the Stewards may direct that:

(c) a registration, licence, or other type of authority or permission be suspended.

Further, Stewards permitted Mrs Howarth seven (7) days from 22 January 2024 to transfer all greyhounds from her care and custody, with Stewards permission being required for each transfer.

Mrs Howarth was advised of her right to a review of the decision.