

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: Mr Stephen Howarth

Rule: GAR 169(5)(c)

Disciplinary Action: To impose an interim suspension upon the trainer licence and owner registration of Mr Stephen Howarth pending the outcome of the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission's inquiry into animal welfare allegations involving greyhounds under the care or custody of Mr 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 Mr Stephen 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 Mr 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 Mr Howarth seven (7) days from 22 January 2024 to transfer all greyhounds from his care and custody, with Stewards permission being required for each transfer.

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