

# Stewards' Report

**Date:** Wednesday, 3 July 2024

**Panel:** Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr W Hadley

**Person:** Mr Julius Perrett

**Rule:** GAR 141(1)(a)

**Charges:**

1. Mr Perrett presented the greyhound Sally Sunrise to compete in Race 5 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 25 March 2024 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
2. Mr Perrett presented the greyhound Sally Sunrise to compete in Race 11 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 7 May 2024 when it was not free of a prohibited substance

**Substance:** Cobalt and Meloxicam

**Penalty:** Charge 1: Four (4) month licence suspension  
Charge 2: \$2,000.00 fine

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On 3 July 2024, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance:

1. Cobalt was detected at a level in excess of the mass concentration limit of 100 nanograms per millilitre in a pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Sally Sunrise when it competed in Race 5 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 25 March 2024; and
2. Meloxicam was detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Sally Sunrise when it competed in, and won, Race 11 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 7 May 2024,

when Mr Julius Perrett was the licensed trainer of the abovementioned greyhound at the relevant times.

Submissions were made by Mr Perrett during the inquiry and, after considering all of the evidence, Stewards issued two (2) charges pursuant to the 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 Charge 1 were as follows:

That Mr Julius Perrett, as the trainer of the greyhound Sally Sunrise, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 5 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 25 March 2024 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Cobalt as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited at a level in excess of the mass concentration limit of 100 nanograms per millilitre in the pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 25 March 2024.

The specifics of Charge 2 were as follows:

That Mr Julius Perrett, as the trainer of the greyhound Sally Sunrise, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 11 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 7 May 2024 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Meloxicam 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 7 May 2024.

Mr Perrett entered a plea of not guilty to both charges and made further submissions in respect of his pleas.

Stewards considered Mr Perrett's further submissions and subsequently found both charges proven, with Mr Perrett then providing submissions in respect of penalty.

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

- Mr Perrett's plea of not guilty to both charges;
- Mr Perrett's time in the greyhound racing industry, being approximately forty (40) years;
- Mr Perrett's disciplinary history noting five (5) prior breaches of the same rule with the most recent breach being in 2019;
- the nature of the prohibited substances, being Cobalt and Meloxicam, and the explanation provided as to the likely source of the substances;
- 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 Perrett and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- relevant penalty precedents;
- the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines; and
- the Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed the following penalties:

**Charge 1:** A four (4) month licence suspension

**Charge 2:** \$2,000.00 fine

Stewards further directed that:

1. the licence suspension is to commence on 6 July 2024;
2. Sally Sunrise be disqualified from Race 5 at the Bundaberg Greyhound Racing Club on 25 March 2024 (5<sup>th</sup> place) pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4) with the placings to be amended accordingly and all prizemoney associated with the event to be returned to Racing Queensland;
3. Sally Sunrise be disqualified from Race 11 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 7 May 2024 (1<sup>st</sup> place) pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4) with the placings to be amended accordingly and all prizemoney associated with the event to be returned to Racing Queensland; and
4. Mr Perrett be permitted fourteen (14) days from 6 July 2024 to transfer all greyhounds from his care and custody, with Steward's permission being required for each transfer.

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