

Stewards' Report

Date:	Tuesday, 30 July 2024
Panel:	Ms A Turner (Chairperson), Mr P McLean
Person:	Mr Gerald Corrigan
Rule:	GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges:	Mr Gerald Corrigan presented the greyhound Kilkenny Blue to compete in Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 2 May 2024 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance:	Chlorpheniramine, Dextrorphan and Dextromethorphan
Penalty:	\$1,000.00 fine with \$500.00 conditionally suspended for a period of twelve (12) months

On 30 July 2024, the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substances Chlorpheniramine, Dextrorphan and Dextromethorphan were detected in a post-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Kilkenny Blue when it competed in, and won, Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 2 May 2024.

Submissions were made by Mr Gerald Corrigan as the licensed trainer of Kilkenny Blue at the relevant time.

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

That Mr Gerald Corrigan, as the trainer of the greyhound Kilkenny Blue, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 2 May 2024 with prohibited substances in its system, namely Chlorpheniramine, Dextrorphan and Dextromethorphan, 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 2 May 2024.

Mr Corrigan entered a plea of guilty to the charge and made further submissions in respect of penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Mr Corrigan's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr Corrigan's time in the greyhound racing industry, being approximately thirty-five (35) years;

- Mr Corrigan's forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr Corrigan's exemplary disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of any nature;
- the nature of the prohibited substances, being Chlorpheniramine, Dextrophan and Dextromethorphan;
- the explanation provided by Mr Corrigan as to the likely source of the prohibited substances, being from the cough mixture Linctol;
- Mr Corrigan's immediate review of, and amendment to, his animal husbandry practices upon being notified of the positive analysis;
- 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 Corrigan and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- relevant penalty precedents;
- the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Greyhound Penalty Guidelines; and
- the Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a monetary fine in the amount of \$1,000.00 with Stewards electing to suspend \$500.00 for a period of twelve (12) months pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 174(3) conditional upon no further breach of a similar nature.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Kilkenny Blue be disqualified from Race 10 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 2 May 2024 (1st place).

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

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