

## Stewards' Report

<b>Date:</b>	Friday, 29 November 2024
<b>Panel:</b>	Mr A Spence (Chairperson), Mr D Broxham, Ms B McErlean
<b>Person:</b>	Mr Peter O' Reilly
<b>Rule:</b>	GAR 141(1)(a)
<b>Charges:</b>	Mr Peter O'Reilly presented the greyhound Get Carter to compete in Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 August 2024 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
<b>Substance:</b>	Hydrocortisone
<b>Penalty:</b>	Eight (8) month disqualification

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On 29 November 2024, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Stewards conducted an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Hydrocortisone was detected in a pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Get Carter when it competed in Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 August 2024.

Submissions were made by Mr Peter O'Reilly during the inquiry as the licensed trainer of Get Carter at the relevant time.

Stewards also heard expert evidence from Dr Shawn Stanley – General Manager of Analytical Services (Racing Science Centre).

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued a charge pursuant to 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 Peter O'Reilly, as the trainer of the greyhound Get Carter, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 3 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 1 August 2024 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Hydrocortisone 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 1000 nanograms per millilitre in the pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound on 1 August 2024.

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

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

- Mr O'Reilly's plea of guilty to the charge at the earliest available opportunity;
- Mr O'Reilly's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer, being approximately seventeen (17) years
- Mr O'Reilly's disciplinary history, noting no prior breaches of a similar nature;

- Mr O'Reilly's good character, together with his forthright evidence and cooperation throughout the inquiry;
- Mr O'Reilly's personal circumstances, specifically that he derives his income solely from the greyhound racing industry;
- That Mr O'Reilly has been under an interim suspension since 1 November 2024;
- The nature of the permanently banned prohibited substance, Hydrocortisone in excess of the permitted threshold,
- The need to send a clear message to the industry that any breach involving permanently banned prohibited substances is serious and cannot be tolerated;
- The need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and to ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- The need to safeguard the welfare of all animals that are or have been involved in racing
- The need for both specific deterrence to Mr O'Reilly and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- Relevant penalty precedents;
- The Queensland Racing Integrity Commission Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines;
- The Human Rights Act 2019.

Accordingly, the Stewards imposed a penalty of an eight (8) month disqualification effective from midnight 1 November 2024.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Get Carter be disqualified from Race 3 at the Ipswich Greyhound Racing Club on 1 August 2024 (3rd place).

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(5), Stewards further directed that Get Carter be disqualified from Race 7 at the Brisbane Greyhound Racing Club on 8 August 2024 (5<sup>th</sup> place), being a further event of the series in which Get Carter had previously competed in when the permanently banned prohibited substances Hydrocortisone was detected in the greyhound's pre-race sample.

Stewards ordered that the placings be amended accordingly, and Mr O'Reilly was advised that all prizemoney associated with these events must be returned to Racing Queensland.

Mr O'Reilly was advised of his right to a review of the decision.