

Stewards' Report

Date: Friday, 1 August 2025
Panel: Mr M Fernholz (Chairperson), Mr D Broxham
Person: Ms Janene Armstrong
Rule: GAR24(1)
Charges: Mr Janene Armstrong
1. Did rehome three (3) greyhounds to a third party and failed to comply to the mandatory sterilisation requirements.
Penalty: Charge 1: Two (2) months suspension effective immediately

On 1 August 2025, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry in respect of evidence obtained by Stipendiary Stewards resulting from a complaint and subsequent telephone interviews held with licensed trainer Ms Janene Armstrong.

On 3 January 2025, Stipendiary Stewards received a complaint in relation to the following greyhounds Fast Burner, Red Burner & Vernan Park. An investigation was conducted, and Stewards opened an inquiry into the matter and after multiple phone interviews with Ms Armstrong it was established that Fast Burner, Red Burner and Vernan Park had been rehomed to a third party without being sterilised.

Stewards considered all evidence and determined that Ms Armstrong had failed to comply to the mandatory sterilisation requirements.

After considering all the evidence, Stewards issued one (1) charge to Ms Armstrong pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rules as follows:

Charge 1: Issued pursuant to Greyhounds Australasia Rule 24(1) which provides:

Unless a greyhound is being accepted by an adoption agency approved by a Controlling Body that undertakes sterilisation, the owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the time of such retirement as a pet must ensure that the greyhound has been surgically sterilised by a veterinarian before allowing the greyhound to leave their care and custody, except where a veterinarian certifies after examining that greyhound, to the satisfaction of a Controlling Body, that being surgically sterilised would be detrimental to its welfare.

The specifics of Charge 1 were as follows:

That Ms Janene Armstrong, a licensed greyhound trainer did rehome three (3) greyhounds to a third party and failed to comply to the mandatory sterilisation requirements.

Ms Armstrong entered a plea of not guilty to the charge and made brief submissions to the Stewards regarding penalty.

Stewards considered the following when determining penalty:

- Ms Armstrong's time in the greyhound racing industry;
- Ms Armstrong's personal and financial circumstances;

- The need for both specific deterrence to Ms Armstrong and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- Relevant penalty precedents; and
- Human Rights Act.

Accordingly, the Stewards issued the following penalty:

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Ms Armstrong was advised of her right to appeal.