

Stewards' Report

Date: Monday, 8 September 2025
Panel: Mr D Aurisch (Chairperson), Mr A Spence & Mr D Broxham
Person: Mr Robert Andrews
Rule: GAR 141(1)(a)
Charges: Mr Robert Andrews presented the greyhound Integrity Shirl to compete in Race 10 at the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club on 19 June 2025 when it was not free of a prohibited substance
Substance: Gabapentin
Penalty: \$1500 fine.

On 8 September 2025, Queensland Racing Integrity Commission (QRIC) Stewards concluded an inquiry into analysts' findings that the prohibited substance Gabapentin was detected in a pre-race urine sample collected from the greyhound Integrity Shirl when it competed in Race 10 at the Q2 Parklands on 19 June 2025.

After considering all the relevant exhibits, Stewards issued a written 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 Robert Andrews, as the trainer of the greyhound Integrity Shirl, did present that greyhound to compete in Race 10 at the Q2 Parklands on 19 June 2025 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Gabapentin, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited.

Mr Andrews entered a plea of guilty to the charge and he made some written submissions on the matter of penalty, including the potential for cross-contamination from a greyhound he was treating with the relevant substance.

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

- Mr Andrew's time in the greyhound racing industry as a trainer;
- Mr Andrew's disciplinary history;
- 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 Andrews and general deterrence to the wider industry;
- the QRIC Greyhound Penalty Guidelines, particularly the Human Rights Act 2019 (HRA).

Accordingly, Stewards determined that the appropriate penalty was a fine of \$1500.

Acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(4), Stewards directed that Integrity Shirl be disqualified from Race 10 at the Queensland Greyhound Racing Club on 19 June 2025 (4th place).

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

Mr Andrews was advised of his right to appeal.