

Stewards' Report – Michael Boody

Hearing Date: Tuesday, 21 October 2025

Panel: Mr Russell Doss (Chairperson)
Mr Daniel Broxham
Mr Shane Larkins

Person: Mr Michael Boody

Rule 1: **142 Administration of a prohibited substance established in a sample taken from a greyhound in connection with an Event**

(1) An offence is committed if a person:

(a) administers, attempts to administer or causes to be administered a prohibited substance to a greyhound;
which is established in any sample taken from a greyhound presented for an Event or when subject to any other contingency pursuant to the Rules.

Charge 1: Mr Boody as the trainer of Legend's Told, did administer the substance Dexosun to the greyhound in the days leading into it being presented for an event at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on 24 August 2025 and a post-race urine sample collected after winning race 2 the Dynamic Electrical 407m Maiden, upon analysis was found to contain the presence of prohibited substance namely Dexamethasone.

Rule 2: **GAR 141 Greyhound to be free of prohibited substances**

(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of greyhound:

(a) nominated to compete in an Event;
must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

Charge 2: Mr Michael Boody, as the trainer of the greyhound Legend's Told, did fail to present that greyhound free of a prohibited substance when it competed in, and won, race 2 at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 24th August 2025 with a prohibited substance in its system, namely Dexamethasone, which has an effect or action on the immune system of the greyhound, by blocking inflammation, swelling, and allergic reactions, as detected by the Racing Science Centre and confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited in the post-race urine sample.

Rule 3: **151 Treatment records to be kept**

(1) The person in charge of a greyhound must keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments administered to the greyhound:

(4) An offence is committed if any person in charge of a greyhound at the relevant time fails to comply with any of subrules (1) to (3) of this rule.

Charge 3: That Mr Boody had not kept adequate and up to date treatment records for the greyhounds in his care.

Plea: Charge 1 – Guilty
Charge 2 – Guilty
Charge 3 - Guilty

Penalty: Charge 1 - \$2500
Charge 2 – No penalty.
Charge 3 - \$200

Background and Submissions:

Mr Boody accepted that as a licensed trainer with the Queensland Racing Integrity Commission, he was at all relevant times leading into and subsequent to the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club's meeting held on 24 August, the trainer and person in charge of the greyhound Legend's Told.

Mr Boody advised that in the period leading up to 24 August 2025 he had consulted his regular veterinarian and Dexosun was administered intramuscularly to Legend's Told to treat soreness in a hind leg and the top of the tail area.

Mr Boody submitted that he had ceased the treatment of Legend's Told at least 3 days prior to the greyhound being presented to race and believed that this timeframe was the usual withdrawal period for the product Dexosun.

Mr Boody further submitted that he had no awareness or knowledge that he was presenting Legend's Told to race when not free of a prohibited substance.

Penalty Submissions:

Mr Boody submitted that his sole source of income and that of his wife's is derived from the greyhound racing industry.

Mr Boody submitted that he did not administer any substance to Legend's Told with the knowledge it would remain within the greyhounds system when presented to race.

Mr Boody requested that stewards consider his long-time involvement in the greyhound racing industry of more than 50 years.

Mr Boody also submitted that he had cooperated fully with stewards and pleaded guilty to the charges at the first available opportunity.

Stewards' findings on Penalty:

The Stewards acknowledged Mr Boody's cooperation and forthright evidence throughout the inquiry. The Stewards also considered Mr Boody's personal circumstances, and the impact different penalty types may have against him. Stewards considered the seriousness of prohibited substance rule breaches, and that any penalty imposed must serve as an appropriate deterrent specifically to Mr Boody, but also to the wider greyhound racing industry. The Stewards also considered the need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants. Further, the need to safeguard the welfare of greyhounds that are involved in racing. Stewards noted that both greyhounds won their respective events.

Stewards considered that Mr Boody has had three prior breaches of the prohibited substance rules, with the last offence being more than seven years ago.

The Stewards considered penalty precedents for similar prohibited substance matters involving the same substance, namely a penalty issued against trainer Ricky Hassall by the QRIC stewards in February 2024 resulting in a \$1500 and George Clegg, who was penalised by QRIC stewards for breaching GAR 142.

The Stewards further considered the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines (2023) that informs a starting penalty point for a Category 3 prohibited substance under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 141(1) as being a \$2000 fine.

The Stewards also considered the QRIC Greyhound Racing Penalty Guidelines (2023) that informs a starting penalty point for a Category 3 prohibited substance under Greyhounds Australasia Rule 142 as being a minimum starting point of a 2-month suspension, with an applicable reduction for an early guilty plea.

Stewards were mindful of the unique facts involved in the substance Dexamethasone being detected and that both charges 1 and 2 issued against Mr Boody, effectively emanated from the same set of circumstances and there was no evidence of any nefarious intent.

Human Rights:

Consideration was properly given to Mr Boody's human rights in accordance with the Human Rights Act 2019 (Qld). Stewards acknowledge that any penalty imposed upon Mr Boody may limit his rights to property. The Stewards also considered purpose of the imposition of a monetary penalty upon a person for breaching a rule of racing is to:

- maintain public confidence in the racing of animals in Queensland for which betting is lawful;
- ensure the integrity of all persons involved with racing or betting under the Racing Integrity Act 2016 or the Racing Act 2002;
- safeguard the welfare of all animals that are or have been involved in racing under the Racing Integrity Act 2016 or the Racing Act 2002.

Having regard to the other less restrictive penalties, it is considered that a caution or reprimand are not sufficient disciplinary options that enforce compliance and achieve the purposes outlined above. The sanction of a monetary penalty serves as a personal and general deterrent, encouraging all participants to comply with the rules of racing and promote drug free racing.

The Stewards therefore consider that any limitation imposed upon the licensee's right to property caused by the imposition of a monetary penalty outlined in the rules of racing, is reasonably necessary to achieve the purposes of the Racing Integrity Act 2016 and the fundamental purpose of the disciplinary system.

Penalty Decision:

On the first charge, the Stewards determined the appropriate penalty was a fine of \$2500.

On the second charge, no penalty was issued against Mr Boody as the Stewards determined that would be duplicitous considering the same set of facts applied also to the first charge. A conviction was recorded against Mr Boody's record.

On the third charge, the Stewards determined the appropriate penalty was a fine of \$200.

Greyhound Disqualification:

Acting under Greyhound Australasia Rule 141(4), Legend's Told was disqualified from race 2 the Dynamic Electrical 407m Maiden at the Rockhampton Greyhound Racing Club on 24 August 2025.

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

Appeal Rights:

Mr Boody was advised of his right to appeal the decision of the Stewards to the Queensland Racing Appeals Panel.