

5<sup>th</sup> July 2020

## **NOTICE OF INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL RESULT – Mrs Narvette Treloar**

**PANEL:** Mr Timothy McGrath (Chair), Ms Tanya Johnston and Mr Graham Loch.

**STEWARDS REPRESENTATION:** Mr Derek Kordick, Inquiries Officer and Mr Des Jonas, Chief Steward.

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On 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 Mrs Treloar appeared before the Integrity Hearings Panel (IHP) in relation to matters arising from:

1. The participation of greyhound Dulkaninna at Gawler Greyhound Racing Club on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, and;
2. The attendance of GRSA officials at her registered property on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019 for the purposes of a kennel inspection.

Following consideration of various sources of information, Stewards considered it appropriate to subsequently charge Mrs Treloar with the following charges:

1. Breaching Greyhounds Australasia Rule 83 in that on 30<sup>th</sup> July 2019, Mrs Treloar presented Dulkaninna at an event, namely, Race 3 at Gawler Greyhound Racing Club not free of any prohibited substance. The prohibited substance identified following a post-racing sample being taken from Dulkaninna was analysed and determined to be Salbutamol (Salbutamol is marketed as Ventolin, a well-known product used to treat asthma.), and;
2. Breaching Greyhounds Australasia Rule 84A(1) in that on 30<sup>th</sup> August 2019, Mrs Treloar was unable to present treatment records for Dulkaninna when requested by GRSA officials.

Mrs Treloar elected to enter an early guilty plea to each of the charges.

The IHP heard submissions from Mrs Treloar, and from Messrs Kordick and Jonas on behalf of the Stewards.

No irregular betting was identified in relation to the race to which Mrs Treloar's charges relate.

In relation to charge 1, Mrs Treloar provided information regarding how Salbutamol came to be present on her property, and further, a hypothesis was offered as to how Dulkaninna may have come into contact with the substance. The Stewards were satisfied that the positive sample identified in Dulkaninna was not the result of the intentional administration of the substance by Mrs Treloar. It was accepted that Dulkaninna came into contact with the substance through the inadvertence of Mrs Treloar, significantly, inadvertence in relation to legally possessed medications personal to the human occupants of the property.

In relation to charge 2, it is clearly of significant importance that participants be in a position to immediately produce treatment records to officials upon request. Mrs Treloar provided an



explanation in relation to her inability to produce the records upon request (they had been kept in a format that was not immediately available). The IHP wish to emphasise that anything short of strict adherence to the keeping of treatment records is not acceptable – it is a rule that seeks to ensure that the welfare of greyhounds is the foundation of the sport.

The IHP is mindful of the underlying importance of presenting greyhounds free of prohibited substances. Presentation offences have been rightly condemned through past decisions of the Stewards, a stance that has been supported by the Racing Appeals Tribunal on many occasions.

Through the submissions from the Stewards and Mrs Treloar, the impeccable character of Mrs Treloar was evident. She has been a valued participant in greyhound racing in South Australia for approximately 50 years, during which she has not been subject to disciplinary proceedings of any kind. She has entered a plea of guilty at the earliest opportunity. Mrs Treloar was co-operative and polite with the Stewards, GRSA officials and the IHP throughout this process. In all the circumstances, the IHP have resolved to finalise these matters as follows:

- In relation to Count 1 -
  - o Mrs Treloar will be suspended for a period of 3 months.
  - o In light of Mrs Treloar’s guilty pleas the suspension will be reduced to 2 months and 14 days.
  - o Mrs Treloar must serve a period of 28 days of the suspension, thereafter, the remaining 6 weeks will be suspended for a period of 12 months.
  - o The period of suspension will commence from 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020.
  - o A fine of \$300 reduced to \$200 in light of early guilty plea will be imposed.
  
- In relation to Count 2 –
  - Mrs Treloar will be fined \$200.
  - In light of her early guilty pleas, that fine will be reduced to \$150

It necessarily follows that the IHP endorse the recommendation of GRSA Stewards, acting under GAR 83(4), to direct that:

1. Dulkaninna be disqualified from Race 3 at the Gawler Greyhound Racing Club held on 30<sup>th</sup> July.

Stewards will direct that the placings in this event be amended accordingly and that the \$610 prizemoney be returned to GRSA for redistribution where appropriate.

Both parties were advised of their right of appeal.



**Timothy McGrath**  
**GRSA INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL CHAIR**

