
2nd December 2014

NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB INQUIRY



On the 17th October 2014 Mr. Ronald Murch was informed that the greyhound ALL BLACK JACK had shown the presence of CAFFEINE and its metabolites THEOPHYLLINE, PARAXANTHINE and THEOBROMINE from the urine sample taken at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Gawler on Tuesday 23rd September 2014, and that he would be advised of the date, time and place of an inquiry.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of CAFFEINE and its metabolites THEOPHYLLINE, PARAXANTHINE and THEOBROMINE was confirmed.

Mr. Murch was advised of the analyst's results and attended an inquiry at the offices of Greyhound Racing SA on Tuesday 2nd December 2014 at 10.00am, into the circumstances relating to the obtaining of the positive urine sample.

After taking evidence from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager) and Mr. Murch stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Murch with a breach of the GRSA Rules Of Greyhound Racing R83 in that he produced the greyhound ALL BLACK JACK for racing at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Gawler on Tuesday 23rd September 2014 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance CAFFEINE and its metabolites THEOPHYLLINE, PARAXANTHINE and THEOBROMINE in its urine.

R83 Racing greyhound to be free of prohibited substances

(2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-

- (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
- (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
- (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revoked

shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.

(3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

(4) A greyhound presented for an Event contrary to sub-rule (1) or (2) shall be disqualified from the Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test.

Mr. Murch pleaded guilty to the charge and was disqualified for a period of 3 months and fined the sum of \$500.

Such penalty to commence from midnight Tuesday 9 December 2014.

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