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NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB INQUIRY



On the 11th June 2015 Mr. Dean Decrea was informed that the greyhound PENNY GROVE had shown the presence of HYDROCORTISONE from the urine sample taken at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Angle Park on Wednesday 22nd April 2015, 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 HYDROCORTISONE was confirmed.

Mr. Decrea was advised of the analyst's results and attended an inquiry at the offices of Greyhound Racing SA on Monday 3rd August 2015 at 10.30am, into the circumstances relating to the obtaining of the positive urine sample.

After taking evidence from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager RASL) and Mr. Decrea stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Decrea with a breach of the GRSA Rules Of Greyhound Racing R83 in that he produced the greyhound PENNY GROVE for racing at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Angle Park on Wednesday 22nd April 2015 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance HYDROCORTISONE 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. Decrea pleaded guilty to the charge and was disqualified for a period of 3 months.

Such penalty to commence from midnight Sunday 9 August 2015.

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