## To Staff

05 June 2015

## Ms. Karen Bearpark - Inquiry



During an inspection at licensed trainer Karen Bearparks property on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 a number of substances listed in the Standard for the Uniform Scheduling of Medicines and Poisons contained in the Australian Poisons Standard, as amended from time to time were discovered in the kennel area on her property in addition to other substances that were of interest to stewards.

As a result all greyhounds trained by her at the time were prohibited from competing until further notice.

## POWERS OF CONTROLLING BODY AND OFFICIAL OF CONTROLLING BODY

## R14 Powers of Controlling Body and official of Controlling Body

- (1) The Controlling Body may, without derogation of any of the powers set out in the Act or otherwise provided for in these Rules-
  - (c) prohibit any greyhound from competing in any Event if, in its opinion, that action is necessary for the proper control and regulation of greyhound racing;

Furthermore she was advised that the stewards intended to conduct an inquiry into the matter and would be advised of a time and date of such inquiry when all substances photographed or seized were identified and/or tested.

The analysis of all substances seized by Greyhound Racing SA (GRSA) Stewards was completed and final results received. As a result Ms Bearpark was directed to attend an interview with GRSA'S Senior Investigator on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 6.30pm, into the circumstances relating to the substances found.

The Stewards are now opening an inquiry into the inspection conducted at her registered training premises on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015 and the prescription medicines and other items said to have been found there during that inspection and related matters.

She is now required to be available for a steward's inquiry on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2015 at 11.00am at the offices of GRSA 55 Cardigan Street Angle Park, together with any witnesses that may assist for an inquiry by the Stewards into the circumstances relating to the substances found and/or seized.

As a result of this inquiry charges may be laid pursuant to GRSA Rules of Greyhound Racing.

She was further advised that if she does not attend this inquiry it may be held in her absence and charges may be laid pursuant to GRSA Rules of Greyhound Racing.

**Further Information:** 

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