

12 February 2019

## **NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT**

**STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D. Jonas, G. Barber**

On Tuesday 12 February, 2019, Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) Stewards concluded an inquiry into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound CILLA BROWN trained by Mr. Tracie Price, which had shown the presence of COBALT at the race meeting held at Mount Gambier on Sunday 19 August, 2018.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of COBALT was confirmed, in excess of 100ng/mL as determined by GAR 83(10).

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinarian), Ms. Angela Williams (GRSA registered Owner Attendant), Mr. John Woodlands (Mount Gambier Kennel House Supervisor) and Mr. Price.

After considering the matter and all evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to issue a charge against Mr. Price under GAR 83(2), which reads:

*The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound –*

*(a) nominated to compete in an event;*

*shall present the greyhound free from any prohibited substance*

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

Mr. Price pleaded not guilty to the charge.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his not guilty plea, the levels of cobalt found in the sample, his lack of acceptance of responsibility around this matter, his personal circumstances and record in relation to this Rule. However, there should be a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of offence; as well as ensuring the onus is on trainers to present their greyhounds free from any prohibited substances.

Mr. Price was disqualified for a period of six (6) months. The disqualification period will commence at midnight on Thursday 21 February, 2019.

As Mr. Price operates a business that services some clients associated with the greyhound industry, Stewards did not wish to impose on his business as a result of the penalty. Stewards directed Mr. Price to provide Stewards with a list of clients who are registered participants. He was reminded that he is not to make deliveries on a race track or a property where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced. He was further advised Stewards would accept him serving customers who frequented his shop premises.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified CILLA BROWN from Race 10 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 19 August, 2018 and directed that the placings in the race be amended accordingly.

Mr. Price was advised of his rights of appeal.

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