

25 October 2018

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D. Jonas, J. Evans,



On Monday 22 October, 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia (GRSA) Stewards inquired into a report from the GRSA Welfare Compliance Officers following a random kennel inspection at the registered kennel address of Trainer Mr. Simon Gesler on Tuesday 3 July, 2018.

GRSA Welfare Compliance Officers have worked with Mr. Gesler on several occasions and had previously issued directions to him in relation to rectifying general hygiene and maintenance issues with his property.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards issued a charge against Mr. Gesler under GAR 86(ag) which reads:

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-fails to comply with a policy adopted by a Controlling Body

Stewards deemed Mr. Gesler had failed to comply with The South Australian Greyhound Industry Animal Welfare Policy in relation to general hygiene of the property.

Mr. Gesler was found guilty of the charge and was disqualified for six (6) months; wholly suspended for a period of 24 months on the grounds that he does not reoffend under this rule.

Mr. Gesler has also been issued with a number of directions in relation to his licence.

In assessing penalty, Stewards took into consideration Mr. Gesler's not guilty plea, recent personal circumstances and his efforts around rehoming his greyhounds. However, Stewards must ensure that participants maintain their registered kennel address to the requirements set out by the Controlling Body.

Mr. Gesler was advised of his rights of appeal.

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