

13 June 2018

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

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

Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards today inquired into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound HARD LIKE ROCK trained by Mr. Brian Clarke, which had shown the presence of COBALT at the race meeting held at Gawler on Tuesday 24 December, 2017.

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).

Upon receiving a Certificate of Analysis from each of the following accredited laboratories, Racing Analytical Services Limited and Racing Science Centre, and after considering the evidence presented to Stewards, Mr. Clarke was issued a charge 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 (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

Mr. Clarke pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Clarke was disqualified for a period of six (6) months. The disqualification period will commence at midnight on Friday 22 June, 2018.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, the levels of cobalt found in the sample and his cooperation during the inquiry process. 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.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified HARD LIKE ROCK from Race 2 at Gawler on Tuesday 24 December, 2017.

Mr. Clarke was advised of his rights of appeal.

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