



1 March 2018

NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D. Jonas, M. Fernholz

On Wednesday 28 February, 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards completed an inquiry into a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound MCLAREN MISSILE trained by Mr. Donald Foster at the race meeting held at Angle Park on Monday 9 October, 2017.

The urine sample was tested and the presence of ATENOLOL was confirmed.

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager at Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Christopher Doyle (Veterinary Surgeon) and Mr. Foster.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Foster with a contravention of 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. Foster pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Foster provided evidence the substance found was a prescribed personal medication he had daily for approximately two decades. Stewards acknowledged the positive result most likely came about from contamination of this medication.

Mr. Foster was suspended for a period of two (2) months and fined \$500. The suspension period will commence at midnight on Tuesday 6 March, 2018.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, his lengthy and unblemished involvement the industry, his cooperation and forthrightness during the inquiry. 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. Stewards would strongly encourage all trainers to be mindful of their husbandry practices to reduce the risk of contamination from personal medication.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified MCLAREN MISSILE from winning Race 1 at Angle Park on Monday 9 October, 2017, and directed that the placings in the race be amended accordingly.

Mr. Foster was advised of his rights of appeal.

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