

12 March 2018



NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT

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

On Wednesday 7 March 2018, Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards concluded an inquiry into a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound HEADING MY WAY trained by Mr. Troy Murray at the race meeting held at Angle Park on Monday 18 September, 2017.

The urine sample was tested and the presence of MELOXICAM and DEXAMETHASONE was confirmed.

Evidence was taken from Mr. David Batty (Scientific Manager at Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinarian), Dr. Greg Moore (treating Veterinarian) and Mr. Murray.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to issue a charge against Mr. Murray 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. Murray pleaded guilty to the charge.

Evidence provided at the inquiry indicated the positive result most likely came about as a result of advice provided by the treating Veterinarian regarding an appropriate withholding period. Notwithstanding, the onus is on the trainer to present their greyhounds free from any prohibited substances.

Mr. Murray was disqualified for a period of three (3) months; wholly suspended for a period of 24 months on the condition he does not reoffend under the Rule and was fined \$3,000.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, his length of time in the industry, and his cooperation and forthrightness during the inquiry. However, there should be a specific and general deterrent in relation to this type of offence, to ensure all greyhounds are presented on a level playing field.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified HEADING MY WAY from winning Race 8 at Angle Park on Monday 18 September, 2017 and directed that the placings in the race be amended accordingly.

Mr. Murray was advised of his rights of appeal.

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