

16 May 2017

## **NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT**



**STEWARDS: L.G. Michalanney, D.J. Southgate, J. Evans**

Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards today inquired into the analysis of two post-race urine samples taken from the greyhound FLYING FLUTTER trained by Mr. Tracie Price.

The first sample was taken from the greyhound FLYING FLUTTER which competed in and won Race 1 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 1 January, 2017 and the second sample was taken from the same greyhound when it had competed in and won Race 7 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 22 January, 2017. The reserve portions of the urine samples were tested and the presence of PHENOBARBITONE was confirmed.

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager at Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Greg Moore (Veterinary Surgeon), GRSA Official Mrs. Belinda Pearce and Mr. Price.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to issue two charges to Mr. Price 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. Price pleaded guilty to both charges.

Mr. Price was suspended for a period of two (2) months and a fine of \$5,000. The suspension period will commence at midnight on Sunday 21 May, 2017. Stewards note that this is a departure from standard disqualification penalties handed down in prohibited substance matters but note Mr. Price's personal circumstances include a business which services the greyhound industry and provides a broader service to farmers, as well as employing a number of people from the community.

Stewards also note Mr. Price's explanation in relation to prescribed medication that FLYING FLUTTER was receiving at the time and treatment records were complete as required under GAR 84A.

In assessing penalty Stewards also took into consideration his pleas of guilt, his clean record in relation to offences under this Rule, the amount of time he has held a trainers licence, and 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.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified FLYING FLUTTER from winning Race 1 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 1 January 2017 and from winning Race 7 at Mount Gambier on Sunday 22 January 2017, and directed that the placings in the races be amended accordingly.

Mr. Price was advised of his rights of appeal.

**L.G. MICHALANNEY**  
**INTEGRITY MANAGER**