

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

## Stewards' Notice

### Integrity Hearings Panel

#### Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

##### Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Tim Richards (Butter Up Again, ATROPINE)

On 28 June 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") decided the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a prohibited substance found in a registered greyhound.

Members:	T McGrath (Chair), N Healy (Deputy Chair), M van Heuven (Member), Dr C Doyle (Member)
Registered greyhound:	Butter Up Again
Racetrack:	Murray Bridge
Event:	Murray Bridge Toyota (N/P) Stake
Race No.:	7
Placing:	1st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Atropine
Concentration/mass:	Not available
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(a) and (3) <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	Not applicable (pre-5 April 2023)
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	Antecedent post-dates offending, prior suspension successfully completed.
Circumstances:	Mr Richards, a trainer, nominated Butter Up Again in the event that was the Murray Bridge Toyota (N/P) Stake (395m), Race 7, conducted by the Murray Bridge Greyhound Racing Club on 28 <sup>th</sup> October 2022. Butter Up Again placed 1 <sup>st</sup> . Stewards took a post-race sample of urine and caused its analysis, the result being the return of a positive result for Atropine. Mr Richards did not admit to intentional administration of the substance. Stewards accepted the presence of the substance was inadvertent.
Winnings:	\$995.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted, Mr Richards to source where substance came from.
Penalty:	Dealt together with Time After Time and single penalty imposed. Suspended for 3-months (to take into account guilty plea), suspended for 12-months. Fine \$500.00 (to take into account guilty plea), suspended for 12-months.

The above penalty follows the rules of racing on penalties, specifically Part 10, *Greyhounds Australasia Rules* and L94, *Local Rules*, and reflects the need for personal and general deterrence as relevant to these offences. The penalty can be appealed, subject to the rules of the Racing Appeals Tribunal.

Rules and policies of GRSA can be found [here](#).

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