

Wednesday, 3 July 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Decision of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v Tracie Price (Aston Cherokee, ARSENIC)

On 28 June 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") decision 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:	Aston Cherokee
Racetrack:	Mount Gambier
Event:	Exchange Printers Stake PR 1 Division 1 (400m)
Race No.:	3
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Arsenic
Concentration/mass:	Above threshold level for arsenic
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(a) and (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	2
Nature substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	6-month disqualification in 2019, not suspended.
Circumstances:	Mr Price, a trainer, nominated Aston Cherokee in the event that was the Exchange Printers Stake PR1 Division 1 (400m), conducted by the Mount Gambier Greyhound Racing Club at Mount Gambier on 17 th December 2023. Aston Cherokee placed 1 st . Stewards took a post-race sample of urine and caused its analysis, the result being the return of a positive result for Arsenic. Mr Price did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and submitted that it could have been on account of Aston Cherokee jumping up and chewing on timber framing in kennels. Stewards did not allege administration or intention to performance-enhance, simply inadvertent consumption. Explanation put by Mr Price accepted in its entirety.
Winnings:	\$1065.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted. Mr Price clearly takes matter very seriously. Aston Cherokee has been sold and Mr Price has plans to upgrade kennels in future.
Penalty:	Suspended for 3-months (to take into account guilty plea), fully 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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