

Thursday, 29 February 2024

Stewards' Notice

Integrity Hearings Panel

Inquiry Determination of the Integrity Hearings Panel

Greyhound Racing SA Limited v A Brookes

On 2nd February 2024, the Integrity Hearings Panel ("IHP") determined the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a prohibited substance found in a registered greyhound, Typhoon Thomas, trained by A Brookes.

Members:	T McGrath (Chair), T Johnston (Member)
Registered greyhound:	Typhoon Thomas
Racetrack:	Mt Gambier
Date:	8 th January 2023
Event:	Produce Store Maiden Stake PR 1 Division 1
Race No.:	1
Placing:	1 st
Type of sample:	Urine
Substance:	Procaine
Concentration/mass:	Not available
Offence:	Present greyhound at event not free of prohibited substance
Rule:	R141(1)(b) & (3), <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Penalty category:	Not applicable (pre-5 th April 2023 amendments to <i>Local Rules</i>)
Nature of substance:	Prohibited
Effect on performance:	No evidence to substantiate that substance directly affected performance
Plea:	Guilty
Antecedents:	No similar
Circumstances:	Mr Brookes, a trainer, nominated Typhoon Thomas in the event that was the Produce Store Maiden Stake PR1 Division 1, Race 1, conducted by the Mt Gambier Greyhound Racing Club on 8 th January 2023. Typhoon Thomas 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 Procaine. Mr Brookes did not admit to intentional administration of the substance and suggested it came from contaminated meat bought from a produce supplier. The Members considered the matter and penalty on the basis Mr Brookes unintentionally supplied the greyhound with contaminated meat.
Winnings:	\$945.00, ordered to be returned
Degree of remorse:	Noted. Mr Brookes advised he has since changed suppliers for meat.
Penalty:	Fine \$300.00, suspended for 3-months, reduced to 2-months 14-days, to take into account guilty plea fully suspended for 12-months; Typhoon Thomas disqualified from event

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](#).

For further advice, contact the Chief Steward via 08 8243 7100 or admin@grsa.com.au.