

26 September 2022

**NOTICE OF  
INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL  
DECISION**

**Mr Anthony Fry**

**PANEL:** Mr Timothy McGrath (Chair), Ms Tanya Johnston, Mr Graham Loch  
**STEWARDS:** Mr Des Jonas, Chief Steward, Mr Derek Kordick, Risk & Compliance Manager

On 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, Mr Anthony Fry appeared before the Integrity Hearings Panel (IHP) in relation to two charges laid by Stewards -

Charge 1:

That on 8<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021, at Gawler in South Australia, Mr Anthony Fry, being the trainer of the greyhound BLAZE VICTOREM that was nominated to compete in an Event namely Race 2, GREYHOUNDS AS PETS MAIDEN STAKE (400m TGM), presented that greyhound not free of a prohibited substance namely CARPROFEN.

- R83(2)(a), (3) and (10), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*

**Particulars**

The following particulars were alleged by Stewards -

1. Mr Fry was, at all relevant times, registered by Greyhound Racing SA as Trainer and a person bound by the Rules of Greyhound Racing for Greyhound Racing SA Limited, and the trainer of the registered greyhound BLAZE VICTOREM.
2. BLAZE VICTOREM was nominated to compete in Race 2, GREYHOUNDS AS PETS MAIDEN STAKE (400m TGM), conducted by the Gawler Greyhound Racing Club at Gawler on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (**the Event**).
3. On 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, you presented BLAZE VICTOREM at **the Event** not free of any prohibited substance, given that:
  - (a) A post-race sample of urine was taken from BLAZE VICTOREM at **the Event (the Sample)**;
  - (b) CARPROFEN was detected and confirmed in **the Sample**.
4. Evidence by Dr Greg Moore in the *Certification of Prohibited Substance* confirms that CARPROFEN is a prohibited substance.

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## **Facts**

As to the facts surrounding the charges, Mr Fry provided the following explanation -

Mr Fry has three kennels in a row, and around the time of this matter, BLAZE VICTOREM was kennelled next to another greyhound who was recovering from surgery. The other greyhound was receiving carprofen as part of its treatment, administered via its meal. Mr Fry suspected that BLAZE VICTOREM managed to access the food bowl from the other kennel and consume some of the meal and, in so doing, ingested carprofen.

Mr Fry produced documents and records that confirmed that the other dog was lawfully prescribed carprofen. Mr Fry advised that, since the positive swab detection, he has increased the size of his food bowls and modified his kennels, so an adjacent greyhound can no longer gain access to other greyhounds' meals or water.

## **Antecedents**

Mr Fry works full time and keeps greyhound as a hobby, as he has done for 13 years. He works greyhounds with his wife. Mr Fry entered an early guilty plea and was fully cooperative with the Inquiry process. He comes before the IHP with no adverse history.

## **Discussion**

As noted in previous Inquiries, the IHP is mindful of the underlying importance of presenting greyhounds free of prohibited substances. Presentation offences have been rightly condemned through past decisions of the Stewards; a stance that has been supported by the Racing Appeals Tribunal on many occasions. Such offences invariably result in suspensions or disqualifications. Matters will invariably differ in their surrounding circumstances and each matter turns on its own facts.

The IHP have now considered several matters involving prohibited substances on several occasions. The IHP have formed the view that this matter should be differentiated from those offences that have resulted in immediate suspensions and disqualifications. The IHP have formed this view, considering the antecedents and the principles under *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, rule 169(4) and Local Rule 94.

Although a lenient approach should be sparingly considered when addressing matters involving prohibited substances, the IHP have formed a view, in all the circumstances, that this is indeed a case that is deserving of such an approach.

## **Penalty**

In all the circumstances, the IHP have resolved to decide this matter as follows:

Mr Fry will be suspended for a period of 3 months. Considering Mr Fry's early guilty plea, that suspension will be reduced to a period of 2 months and 14 days. Given the circumstances of the offence, and all matters personal to Mr Fry, that the whole of the suspension will be fully suspended for a period of 12 months.

A fine of \$300.00 reduced to \$200.00 considering Mr Fry's early guilty plea will be imposed.

The suspension will be back dated to 21 June 2022, the date of the conviction.

Pursuant to rule 83(4) of the *Greyhounds Australasia Rules* BLAZE VICTOREM is disqualified from the event that was Race 2, GREYHOUNDS AS PETS MAIDEN STAKE (400m TGM), conducted by the Gawler Greyhound Racing Club at Gawler on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2021, where BLAZE VICTOREM placed first.

Stewards direct that the placings in that event be amended accordingly and that the **\$465.00** prizemoney won in that event must be returned to Greyhound Racing SA forthwith.

The amended placings proposed are –

- 1<sup>st</sup> Winnie Blues
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prince Conner
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sparky's Lass (from box 7)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Suhana (from box 2)
- 5<sup>th</sup> It's Not Tea

Mr Fry was advised of his right of appeal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T. McGrath', with a stylized, wavy line for the surname.

**Timothy McGrath**  
**GRSA INTEGRITY HEARINGS PANEL CHAIR**