

Monday, 19 February 2024

## Stewards' Notice

### Stewards' Inquiry

#### Inquiry Determination of Stewards

##### Greyhound Racing SA Limited ("GRSA"), Controlling Body (SA) v Mr K Buxton

On 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, Stewards determined the Stewards' Inquiry relating to a complaint of the keeping of various registered greyhounds of Mr K Buxton.

Steward:	Derek Kordick
Registered greyhounds:	(1) Duke Box Hero (2) Weeping Angel (3) Bacon Delux (4) Crystal Ross (5) Unnamed, VLQWU (6) Zin Zang (7) Kalashnikov (8) Cyclone Sienna
Alleged Offence/s:	(1) Inadequate care and welfare provided to greyhounds (R21) (2) Fail to notify location of greyhounds (R34) (3) Fail to comply with Animal Welfare Policy (R156(w))
Rule:	(1) R21 (2) R34 (3) R156(w), all <i>Greyhounds Australasia Rules</i>
Plea:	No appearance, heard <i>ex-parte</i> (R170(6))
Circumstances:	On or about 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, Greyhound Racing SA was advised that a (Victorian) registered person, Mr K Buxton, was residing at a premises in the Mount Gambier area with eight (8) registered greyhounds. The circumstances of Mr Buxton's possession of the greyhounds were in question, arising out of a tenancy dispute over the leased property and the identification, location, and condition of those greyhounds. As a result, Mr Buxton was required to attend an Inquiry with Stewards on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, as well as supply to Stewards, by 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, details of all registered greyhounds in his possession. By 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024, Mr Buxton failed to comply with the Inquiry directions. He did not appear at the Inquiry on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024. RSPCA was advised of the matter of complaint. Mr Buxton was advised of the Inquiry determination and appeal rights.
Determination:	<i>Ex parte</i> : (1) Fail to attend Inquiry on 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (R164)(b)) (2) Fail to notify location of greyhounds as directed by 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (R34(5)(a)) (3) Fail to notify transfer of greyhounds between 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2023 and 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 (R34(5)(a)) (4) Inadequate care and welfare provided to greyhounds associated with Mr Buxton (R21) (5) Fail to comply with Animal Welfare Policy (R156(w)) Penalty: For (1) – Disqualification 6-months For (2) – Disqualification 6-months, <i>cumulative</i> to (1) For (3) - Disqualification 6-months, concurrent to (1)/(2) <i>Total disqualification is 12-months</i>

For (4) and (5), Inquiry adjourned *sine die* to further consider the facts and circumstances, once Mr Buxton appears. Pursuant to Rule 13(1)(j) *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*, Mr Buxton is *Warned Off* (from 25/01/24, nominal expiry date 25/01/34) until such time as he attends the Inquiry, opened 11<sup>th</sup> January 2024, into allegations of breaches of Rules 21 and 156(w), *Greyhounds Australasia Rules*.

The above penalty follows the rules of racing on penalties, specifically R169(4) plus L94, 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 (time limits apply).

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

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