



Wednesday, 27 December 2023

## Stewards' Notice

### Stewards' Inquiry

#### Determination of Inquiry – Persons 244292 and 244684

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Greyhound Racing SA Stewards heard and determined an Inquiry with respect to the presentation of kennels of 244292 and 244684, during a kennel inspection on 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023.

#### Particulars

On 24<sup>th</sup> August 2023, Greyhound Racing SA welfare compliance officers attended the kennels of 244292 and 244684, for the purposes of a routine kennel inspection pursuant to the rules of racing. During the inspection, officers observed parts of carcasses of what appeared to be bovines, lying on the ground in and around a shipping container on the property. The carcasses were predominately bones in a state of decomposition.

#### Inquiry

Due to the nature and extent of the carcasses, and the concern as to their purpose, Greyhound Racing SA commenced an Inquiry under the rules of racing. The purpose of the Inquiry was ostensibly to determine if any breaches of the rules of racing occurred, especially rules 159 and 165 of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.

Stewards also considered an unrelated matter about the number of greyhounds located at the kennels, and certain directions associated with those numbers, issued on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 by welfare compliance officers.

On 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 244292 and 244684 attended as directed for the Inquiry and gave evidence. The Stewards also considered evidence presented by animal welfare officers that included photographs.

#### Determination

The Stewards accepted that the carcasses were present because of 244292's work in the meat slaughtering and processing industry, and that he used the meat as food for animals. He was tardy in his dealing with the disused carcasses, which should have been appropriately disposed of. The Stewards determined that there was no evidence to lay a charge with the respect to the most serious concern, that of any offence of luring and baiting as contemplated by rule 159 of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules. This is because the presence of the carcasses, in situ, could not in any practical probability, or feasibly, be capable of being used in circumstances that rule 159 of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules was breached. Stewards also considered the state of the property in so far as the

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presence of decomposing carcasses was concerned. Whilst not laying specific charges, and despite the property size and rural nature, Stewards were of the view a sanction was appropriate, due to the adverse image the presence of decomposing carcasses had on the professionalism of greyhound racing to a person not cognisant with the facts of the possession.

The Stewards also received evidence of the efforts of 244292 and 244684 to follow the welfare compliance officers' directions on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and were satisfied 244292 and 244684 were making acceptable progress.

### **Result**

The Stewards took into account that 244292 and 244684 were suspended from greyhound racing from 7<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to the day of the Inquiry, as well as antecedents required under the rules of racing.

Acting under rule 169(3)(f), Greyhounds Australasia Rules, the Stewards reprimanded 244292 and 244684 for possession of the carcasses in circumstances that were detrimental to the image of greyhound racing (rule 165(a) Greyhounds Australasia Rules). The Stewards ordered that after using slaughtered meat, they were to forthwith dispose of the remaining carcass in a manner that is approved by the local council. The Stewards further ordered that the progress of 244292 and 244684 under the direction of the welfare compliance officers, from 13<sup>th</sup> April 2023, will be further reviewed on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2023, for a compliance deadline of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

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