

Wednesday, 27 December 2023

Stewards' Notice

Stewards' Inquiry

Determination of Inquiry – Person 243478

On 13th August 2021, Greyhound Racing SA Stewards opened an Inquiry with respect to the notification of some euthanised and deceased greyhounds, identified during a routine audit, by 243478.

Stewards conducted an Inquiry relating to the notification of euthanasia and death of some greyhounds, pursuant to (then) rule 106(3)(a), Greyhounds Australasia Rules, and associated rules and procedure with respect to greyhound retirements. The greyhounds were 474490, 478946, 439247, 477970 and 534356. The Inquiry resulted from an audit of 243478's greyhounds over a multi-year period. The queried notifications occurred at various times in 2019 and 2020.

243478 was suspended, pursuant to rule 92(5)(c) of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules on 13th August 2021.

Enquiries with 243478 and a treating veterinarian confirmed that the retired greyhounds 474490, 478946, 439247, and 477970 were euthanised by a veterinarian (unsuitable temperament for rehoming). The greyhound 534356 was found deceased after a thunderstorm.

Before 1st May 2023, retired greyhounds were not subject to the full force and effect of the Greyhounds Australasia Rules (as is now the case). In addition, under amended Local Rules, any registered person with any registered or retired greyhound must notify the Controlling Body of any intention to euthanise a greyhound (unless in an emergency and by a veterinarian) before the procedure so that the Controlling Body can assess the circumstances of the matter.

243478 was suspended as a registered person from 13th August 2021. This suspension was revoked on 1st September 2021, at which point Stewards were satisfied that no greyhounds were unaccounted for. Taking into account matters personal to 243478, as well as the facts of the matter and antecedents, especially the 20-days' suspension, no further action was taken.

Further details may be provided for authorised purposes, upon application to Greyhound Racing SA by other Controlling Bodies or related entities.

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