

Wednesday, 27 December 2023

Stewards' Notice

Stewards' Inquiry

Determination of Inquiry – Person 268464

On 21st October 2022, Greyhound Racing SA Stewards heard and determined an Inquiry with respect to keeping of greyhound 508416.

Stewards conducted an Inquiry relating to the health and welfare of the greyhound 508416, located in an unsatisfactory condition during a kennel inspection on 8th February 2022 and associated conduct.

268464 participated in the Inquiry, as required, as required, on 14th February 2022.

Stewards found sufficient evidence to charge 268464 with -

That on the 8th day of February 2022, at [redacted] in South Australia, 268464, being a registered person

- (1) In relation to a greyhound namely 508416 omitted to do a thing namely reasonably consider all treatment options for 508416, which in the opinion of Stewards was negligent (GAR 86(o)); and,
- (2) Impeded a member of the Controlling Body namely an Animal Welfare Officer, by arguing during a kennel inspection (GAR 86(g)).

Stewards found those charge substantiated.

Stewards noted the greyhound was not actively racing and was, essentially at the time, considered a pet. The greyhound was suffering from terminal illnesses whereby, overall, euthanasia was in the best interests of the greyhound, despite the grief this would cause the extended family, including a child, who consider the greyhound a pet. 268464 expressed remorse over the matter.

Having regard to the nature of the offences and 268464's involvement in the industry, Stewards ordered the following penalties –

- (1) Suspension 7 days (commencing 8th February 2022); and,
- (2) Reprimand.

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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