

## **Stewards Investigation/ Hearing Report: 30 April, 2015**

Date of Hearing: 30 April 2015  
Venue of Hearing: GRV Head Office  
Name: Mr Darren Chapman  
Suburb: Greensborough  
Date of Offence: 1 February 2015  
GAR: 109 1 (a) (b)  
Offence: A registered person must not permit a greyhound, which is pursuant to the person's care or custody to be in or on a public place unless the greyhound –  
1(a) has a securely fixed muzzle; and  
(b) is pursuant to the effective control of some competent person by means of a leash of leather, or other durable material of a type capable and in a condition of effectively restraining a greyhound, and which is securely fastened to the collar worn by the greyhound.

Officiating Steward: Greg Huntington

### **REPORT**

Investigations Manager Greg Huntington conducted an investigation into a report received from Moreland City Council regarding a greyhound attacking a dog on a suburban street in Coburg on 1 February 2015. The greyhound involved was under the control of Darren Chapman at the time. The small dog survived however it received serious injuries requiring surgery and numerous stiches. The Moreland Council then directed Mr Chapman to surrender the greyhound which was subsequently euthanised. The Moreland council have yet to lay any charges against Mr Chapman.

Mr Chapman attended an inquiry before Mr Huntington where he detailed in the interview the circumstances of this incident.

After considering the evidence and the circumstances of the attack tendered by Mr Chapman, Mr Huntington found Mr Chapman guilty of breaching 109 1(a) (b). In determining the penalty it was taken into account that Mr Chapman guilty plea and that he had surrendered the greyhound which was euthanised. Mr Chapman was fined \$250 wholly suspended for 12 mths pending no subsequent breaches of GAR 109 and he was reminded of his obligations and responsibilities whilst walking his greyhounds in public.

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**Greg Huntington**  
**Manager Investigations Unit.**

*NB: Steward Investigation/Hearing decisions are subject to Appeal under the Rules of Greyhound Racing.*

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