

## Stewards Investigation Report

### Tuesday 19 May 2015

Date of Investigation: September 2014 - April 2015  
Venue of Hearing: Geelong Greyhound Racing Club  
Name: Mr K. Ward

Officiating Stewards: Mr R. Matthews & Mr G. Fish

### REPORT

Stewards conducted an investigation into the circumstances pertaining to the finding by a registered person of a deceased, white and black, female greyhound at a truck stop on the Western Highway near Ballarat on Wednesday 10 September 2014.

As no microchip was detected and ear brands were illegible, Stewards collected tissue samples for DNA analysis. Parentage analysis was conducted using all DNA profiles from the current Australian Greyhound Database by Genetic Technologies Corporation Pty Ltd and following a report received by them on 23 February 2015, sire Where's Pedro and dam Miss Douglas was the only parent combination possible.

Based on this evidence, Stewards formed the view the unknown greyhound was an unnamed (non-raced) white & black, female greyhound from the litter Where's Pedro x Miss Douglas whelped on 1 September 2009 and therefore Stewards spoke to licensed trainer Mr. Kevin Ward, the breeder, and last registered owner of this greyhound.

Following inquiries with Mr. Ward, Stewards spoke to two non-registered persons, one of whom took possession of the greyhound as a pet in 2012. Investigations revealed the greyhound died as a result of a motor vehicle accident around August/September 2014.

Stewards were satisfied Mr. Ward was not the owner of the greyhound in September 2014 and could take no further action other than to remind him of his responsibilities in ensuring he complies with GAR 106 (3) and notifies GRV when a greyhound is retired to a third party as a pet.

N.B. Stewards would like to take the time to generally remind participants of the requirements of GAR 106 (3) which states:

“At any time after the registration of a litter, the last registered owner or person responsible for the greyhound at the relevant time, shall, notify the Controlling Body by lodging the prescribed form:

(a) within ten working days, if that greyhound has transferred ownership, been retired as a pet or a breeding greyhound, been transferred to an adoption program, exported, (or) surrendered to another agency;

(b) within two working days if that greyhound has been humanely euthanased by a veterinary surgeon or deceased.”

It should also be noted that third party owners are written to by GRV in order to ensure new ownership details are valid and to ensure the microchip registry is updated to allow any missing greyhound that is found to be reunited with their owner.

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**Glenn Fish – Chief Steward**

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

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