

# Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

## Media Release

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Date of Hearing: Monday, 1 May 2017  
Venue of Hearing: Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation  
49 Elizabeth Street, Richmond, Victoria  
Panel: Mr. Shane Marshall (Chairman), Mr. Phillip Davies and Mr. David Gleeson  
Appellant: Mr. Dennis Brown  
Town: Heyfield  
Track: Warragul  
Date: Thursday, 20 April 2017  
GAR No: 69 A(1)  
Matter: The greyhound 'Dashing Max' was charged with failing to pursue the lure with due commitment.

### REPORT:

The RADB received an Appeal lodged by Mr. Dennis Brown against a decision handed down by the Greyhound Racing Victoria Stewards at Warragul on Thursday, 20 April 2017.

The Stewards determined, under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 69 A(1), that the greyhound 'Dashing Max' was guilty of failing to pursue the lure with due commitment during Event 1 at Warragul on Thursday, 20 April 2017. Subsequently, 'Dashing Max' was suspended for 28 days and ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial.

Mr. Dennis Brown represented himself at the hearing via telephone.

Mr. Carl Scott (GRV Steward) represented the Stewards.

### DECISION:

1. The greyhound, "Dashing Max" competed in race 1 at Warragul on 20 April 2017. After the race, Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria ("GRV") charged Dashing Max under Greyhound Australasia Rule ("GAR") 69 A(1) with failing to pursue the lure with due commitment. The charge arose out of the GRV Stewards' concern with the greyhound's racing manners approaching the home turn. The Stewards found Dashing Max guilty. His trainer, Mr. Brown has appealed from that decision.
2. "Failing to pursue" is defined in GAR 1 as "when a greyhound turns its head or visibly eases during the running of an event". The question for the Board to answer is

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whether it was open to the Stewards of GRV to find that Dashing Max visibly eased during the event on 20 April 2017.

3. To assist the Board in answering the above question we viewed the video replay of the event, including head on vision. The relevant incident occurred on the home turn. The Stewards allege that Dashing Max eased visibly after hitting the lead on the turn. In our view any easing was caused by the greyhound on his inside veering out towards Dashing Max. We consider that the appeal should be allowed.

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