

# Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

## Media Release

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Date of Hearing: Friday, 27 January 2017  
Venue of Hearing: Victorian Commission for Gambling and Liquor Regulation  
49 Elizabeth Street, Richmond, Victoria  
Panel: Mr. Shane Marshall (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor (Deputy  
Chairman), and Mr. David Gleeson  
Appellant: Mr. William Majoor  
Town: Moe  
Track: Traralgon  
Date: 20 January 2017  
GAR No: 69(A)(1)  
Matter: The greyhound 'Top Shot Jack' was charged with failing to pursue  
the lure with due commitment.

### REPORT:

The RADB received an Appeal lodged by Mr. William Majoor against a decision handed down by the Greyhound Racing Victoria Stewards at Traralgon on 20 January 2017.

The Stewards determined, under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 69(A)(1), that the greyhound 'Top Shot Jack' failed to pursue the lure with due commitment during Event 4 at Traralgon on 20 January 2017. Subsequently, 'Top Shot Jack' was suspended for 28 days and ordered to undergo a satisfactory trial (all tracks) before any future nomination is accepted.

Mr. William Majoor represented himself at the Appeal via telephone.

Mr. Grant Truett (GRV Steward) represented the Stewards at the hearing.

Mr. Ron Petterson (GRV Steward) appeared as a witness via telephone.

### DECISION:

1. The greyhound, "Top Shot Jack", competed in race 4 at Traralgon on 20 January 2017. After the race, the stewards charged the greyhound with an offence under Greyhound Australasia Rule ("GAR") 69 A of failing to pursue the lure with due commitment. The greyhound was found guilty as charged. The trainer, Mr. William Majoor has appealed from that decision to this Board.

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2. "Failing to pursue" is defined as "when a greyhound turns its head or visibility eases during the running of an event." The offence under GAR69 A (1) is dependent on the opinion of the stewards.
3. To determine the appeal we viewed the video of the race, both side on and head on. In addition we took evidence from Mr. Petterson a steward who was behind the starting boxes and observed the greyhound turn his head shortly after the start. We also note the admission of Mr. Majoor that the greyhound turned his head while attempting to reach the rail shortly after the start.
4. Given the admission and the definition in the GAR of "failing to pursue", we have no alternative but to dismiss the appeal and we do so.

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