

Stewards Investigation & Hearing Report

Date of Hearing:	Thursday 20 April 2023
Venue of Hearing:	GRV Head Office
Event:	Race Day Sample - Ballarat
Greyhound:	Hunter Grange
Trainer:	Mrs Delaine Vigor
Rule:	GAR 140 and 141
Inquiry:	The level of Arsenic in a race-day sample taken from Hunter Grange at Ballarat on 25 January 2023.
Reporting Stewards:	Mr Paul Searle – Chief Steward

REPORT

GRV Stewards opened and held an inquiry into a report provided by RASL for sample numbered V783983 taken from the greyhound Hunter Grange at the Ballarat Greyhound Racing Club on 25 January 2023.

The level of Arsenic reported by RASL in the A sample at 1002ng/ml.

The B sample and control were sent to the Chem Centre in Perth for referee analysis. The level of Arsenic in the B sample was reported at 622ng/ml. Arsenic was not detected in the control solution.

GAR 140 - Prohibited Substances subject to a threshold

(g) arsenic at or below a mass concentration of 800 nanograms per millilitre in a sample of urine taken from a greyhound.

The Stewards refer to the GRV Sampling Policy (that was published in early 2017) for guidance around irregularities that are subject to threshold and that record levels that are over and under or at the threshold.

GRV Policy for prohibited substances subject to a threshold.

GRV will generally not proceed with a sample irregularity unless the concentration stated on the Certificate of Analysis from the reserve sample is greater than the threshold plus the measurement uncertainty. GRV may determine to proceed where relevant scientific advice can explain the decrease observed in the reserve sample. Where an irregularity is not confirmed due to a decrease observed in the reserve sample, the Stewards may conduct a Stewards Inquiry and may issue a caution to the trainer of the greyhound.

In accordance with Sampling Policy, GRV Stewards conducted an inquiry into the matter which took evidence from GRV Veterinary Surgeon Dr Steven Karamatic, Mr David Batty (RASL) and Mrs Delaine Vigor.

After deliberation, the Stewards determined not to proceed with the matter, however issued an official warning (byway of letter) under GAR 140 (g) and GAR 141 to Mrs Vigor regarding the sample and the irregular level of Arsenic that was recorded.



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