

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**

Date of Hearing: Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
Venue of Hearing: Steward's Room, Cranbourne Racetrack  
Name: Mr Peter Grice  
Date of offence: 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)  
Offence: 1. Engage in conduct which is detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control of greyhound racing.  
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 29 (1) (a)  
Offence: 1. A registered person must ensure that a greyhound in the person's care, custody, or control is not in or on a public place unless the greyhound:  
(a) has an appropriate, properly fitted and securely fixed muzzle;  
and:  
(b) is under the effective control of a competent person by use of a lead which is in a condition able to effectively restrain a greyhound, and which is securely fastened to the collar worn by the greyhound.

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Amber Knapp and Dylan Bartolo

### **REPORT**

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Steward's Hearing with Mr Peter Grice regarding the circumstances of his dog 'Buddy Blinx' attacking another dog in public in Seaford on the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2023.

Investigative Stewards heard evidence from Mr Grice during the Hearing. Mr Grice admitted that he failed to muzzle 'Buddy Blinx' in public but denied failing to have effective control over the greyhound in public. He also denied that he acted in a manner that was detrimental to the interest of the greyhound industry.

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr Grice with a breach of GAR 29 (1) (a) in that he failed to muzzle his greyhound in public, GAR 29 (1) (b) in that he failed to have effective control of his greyhound in a public place and GAR 165 (a) in that he conducted himself in a manner that was detrimental to the interest, image, control, and promotion of greyhound racing and therefore failed to comply with the Rules of Racing.

Mr Grice pleaded guilty to Charge 1 and not guilty to Charges 2 and 3.

Investigative Stewards found Mr Grice guilty of the charges and imposed the following penalty;

**PENALTY**

**Charges 1 - 3:**

- \$500 Fine (with \$250 of this suspended for 12 months)
- One month suspension wholly suspended for a period of 12 months

In determining the penalty, Investigative Stewards considered a number of factors namely:

- Mr Grice's prior good history and conduct
- Mr Grice's age and financial circumstances
- Mr Grice's desire to leave the industry when his registration expires later this year.
- Specific and general deterrence



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**Amber Knapp**  
Investigative Steward  
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