

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Tuesday 15th August 2023

Date of Hearing: Thursday 10th August 2023
Venue of Hearing: Kennel Address of Mr FULFORD
Name: Mr Corey FULFORD
Date of offence: Wednesday 14th September 2022

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 24**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Miss Jessica WATSON and Miss Amber KNAPP

REPORT

On Wednesday 28th June 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Corey FULFORD considering one (1) charge relating to the failure to ensure that greyhound SHAKE MY HAND (VJHCO) was surgically sterilised at the time that the greyhound was retired as a pet.

On Thursday 10th August 2023, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr FULFORD relating to one (1) charge. Mr FULFORD acknowledged that he had failed to ensure that the greyhound was surgically sterilised and that this was a breach of the rules.

The charge is as follows:

CHARGE 1

Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 24

Relates to the failing, as an owner or person responsible for the greyhound, to ensure that at the time of such retirement as a pet, the greyhound has been surgically sterilised by a veterinarian before allowing the greyhound to leave their care and custody.

Mr FULFORD pleaded guilty to the charge.

Investigative Stewards found the charge proven and imposed the following penalty.

PENALTY

Charge 1

- Fined \$500.

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

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr FULFORD'S early guilty plea.
- Mr FULFORD'S prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



Jessica WATSON
Investigative Steward
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