

1 November 2023

DECISION

GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

and

BARRY HISCOCK

- Date of hearing:** 27 October 2023
- Panel:** Justice Shane Marshall (Deputy Chairperson) and Dr Andrew Gould.
- Appearances:** Mr Steven Brnovic appeared on behalf of the Stewards.
Mr Barry Hiscock represented himself.
- Charge:** Greyhounds Australasia Rule (“GAR”) 141(1) states:
(1) The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound:
(a) nominated to compete in an Event;
(b) presented for a satisfactory trial or such other trial as provided for by the Rules; or
(c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a stand-down period being varied or revoked,
must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
- Particulars:**
1. You are, and were at all relevant times, a trainer licensed by Greyhound Racing Victoria and a person bound by the Greyhounds Australasia Rules.
 2. You were, at all relevant times, the trainer of the greyhound “Mclvor Jack”.
 3. “Mclvor Jack” was nominated to compete in Race 7, AG TYRES & WHEELS, Grade 5 T3, conducted by the Bendigo Greyhound Racing Association at Bendigo on 8 March 2023 (**the Event**).
 4. On 8 March 2023, you presented “Mclvor Jack” at the Event not free of any prohibited substance, given that:
 - (a) A pre-race sample of urine was taken from “Mclvor Jack” at the Event (**the Sample**);

(b) Cimetidine was detected in the Sample.

Plea: Guilty

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1. Mr Barry Hiscock is a registered greyhound trainer of long standing and was a pillar of the greyhound racing industry in Bendigo in the 1980's. He is still involved on the committee of the Bendigo club.
2. At all material times, Mr Hiscock was the trainer of Mclvor Jack. On 8 March 2023, that greyhound competed in Race 7 at Bendigo. A pre-race sample taken from Mclvor Jack showed the presence of the prohibited substance, cimetidine.
3. Cimetidine is a therapeutic substance which has not been presented to greyhounds for several years. It was previously used to assist to reduce the occurrence of gastric and duodenal ulcers. It has the capacity to be performance enhancing by increasing chasing desire, muscular endurance and strength.
4. Mr Hiscock is unable to explain the source of the positive swab. He said that he did not administer the drug to the greyhound. He has not been charged with an administration offence, but a presentation offence under Greyhounds Australasia Rule ("GAR") 141. He has pleaded guilty to that charge.
5. Mr Hiscock has an excellent record regarding prohibited substances over his 60 years of greyhound training.
6. In setting a penalty, we take into account the guilty plea and Mr Hiscock's good record and character. We also take into account general deterrence and the importance of maintaining a level playing field by having a drug free industry. We further take into account the only relatively recent penalty regarding this substance imposed by our predecessor, the GRV Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board.
7. In all the circumstances we impose a penalty of \$500. In addition, Mclvor Jack is disqualified from Race 7 at Bendigo on 8 March 2023 and the placings are amended accordingly.

Mark Howard
Registrar, Victorian Racing Tribunal