

30 March 2023

## DECISION

### GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA

and

### COREY FULFORD

- Date of hearing:** 24 March 2023
- Panel:** Judge John Bowman (Chairperson) and Judge Kathryn Kings.
- Appearances:** Mr Anthony Pearce appeared on behalf of the Stewards.  
Mr Corey Fulford 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 of charge:**
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 “Lilly’s Stripey”.
  3. Lilly’s Stripey was nominated to compete in Race 1, HERE’S TO MRS E, Maiden, conducted by the Sale Greyhound Racing Club at Sale on 31 July 2022 (the Event).
  4. On 31 July 2022, you presented Lilly’s Stripey at the Event not free of any prohibited substance, given that:

(a) A pre-race sample of urine was taken from Lilly's Stripey at the Event (the Sample);

(b) Arsenic was detected at a mass concentration of greater than 800 nanograms per millilitre in the Sample.

**Plea:** Guilty

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Mr Corey Fulford, you have pleaded guilty to a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rule ("GAR") 141(1). It is in relation to "Lilly's Stripey", trained by you, which ran in Race 1 at Sale on 31 July 2022. A pre-race sample taken from the dog proved positive to the prohibited substance, arsenic. We might add that the dog finished a distant last in the event.

The likely cause of the dog testing positive to arsenic was its chewing on treated timber. It is a problem of which the industry has been warned repeatedly.

Your situation is that you are a dairy farmer ages 35 years. You have been a registered public trainer since 27 March 2015. No relevant prior offence is alleged against you.

You train the dogs in association with your father, who has a nearby farm. He is also a licensed trainer and is aged 78 years. The dogs are kennelled on his property. Essentially, you train and race dogs that you have bred or which are "give aways". You have taken a couple of dogs for friends, but in general terms you do not train for other owners.

You admit freely that the source of the positive reading was the timber kennels in which Lilly's Stripey was kennelled. You are now in the process of removing all the timber kennels and replacing them with steel kennels. Doubtless there is expenditure associated with this. It does demonstrate a responsible approach.

Your father is not in very good health and is substantially reliant upon you. We take this into account. We also take into account your early plea of guilty and your complete cooperation with the Stewards.

However, the problems associated with wooden kennels and fence posts and with arsenic are well known and trainers have been put on alert by the Stewards for about seven years.

In all the circumstances, we impose the following penalty. You are suspended for a period of six months. Of that period, a period of five months is in turn suspended for 24 months. That

means you are suspended for a period of one month and a five month suspension will be hanging over you for two years should you offend again during that period. We would be confident that you shall not. That penalty shall commence immediately.

We would also say that you were an impressive witness and we formed a favourable view of you.

Lilly's Stripey is disqualified from Race 1 at Sale on 31 July 2022 and the finishing order is amended accordingly.

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Mark Howard  
Registrar, Victorian Racing Tribunal