

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Tuesday 27th of February 2024

Date of Hearing: Tuesday 27th of February 2024
Venue of Hearing: Greyhound Racing Victoria
Name: Mr Scott Blacksell
Date of offence: Thursday 8th of June 2023

Rule: **GRV Local Rule (LR) 12.2.1**

Rule: **GRV Local Rule (LR) 12.2.2**

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156 (w)**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Dylan Bartolo and Mr Christopher Gawne

REPORT

On Friday, 1st of December 2023, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Scott Blacksell considering three (3) charges relating to the notification requirements of five (5) retired greyhounds.

On Tuesday, 27th of February 2024, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr Blacksell.

The charges are as follows:

CHARGE 1

GRV Local Rule (LR) 12.2.1

Relates to the rehoming effects and record keeping undertaken in relation to greyhounds BRIDGEWATER JOE (SIAPA), BORDER BANDIT (SIACK), SLOW BURN (SIACI), PINECUTTER PETE (VFMKU) and TARRAGAL (VGIIIX).

Mr Blacksell pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

CHARGE 2

GRV Local Rule (LR) 12.2.2

Relates to providing the Controlling Body [GRV] with all records of rehoming efforts at the request of Investigative Stewards, with relation to BRIDGEWATER JOE (SIAPA), BORDER BANDIT (SIACK), SLOW BURN (SIACI), PINECUTTER PETE (VFMKU) and TARRAGAL (VGIIIX).

Mr LEATHAN pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

CHARGE 3

Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156 (w)

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

Relates to the formal notification to the controlling body [GRV] of the retirement and rehoming of greyhounds; BRIDGEWATER JOE (SIAPA), BORDER BANDIT (SIACK), SLOW BURN (SIACI), PINECUTTER PETE (VFMKU) and TARRAGAL (VGIIX).

Mr Blacksell pleaded guilty to the charge. The charge was found proven.

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

PENALTY

Charges 1 - 3

- \$1,000 fine (\$500 wholly suspended for 12 months)
- 5 months suspension (4 months wholly suspended for 12 months).

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered several factors namely:

- Mr Blacksell's early guilty plea.
- Mr Blacksell's prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



Dylan Bartolo
Investigative Steward
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