

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Monday 15 January 2024

Date of Hearing: Monday 15th January 2024
Venue of Hearing: Participant's Kennelling Address
Name: Mr Arthur Garratt
Date of offence: 4th October 2022
Rule: Greyhound Australasia Rules (GAR) 162 (e)
Offence: has in their possession any gear, equipment, device, substance or any other thing capable of inflicting pain or suffering on a greyhound;
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 165 (a)
Offence: Engage in conduct which is detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control of greyhound racing.

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Amber Knapp and Jessica Watson

REPORT

On Monday 15th of January 2024, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry with Mr Arthur Garratt regarding his possession and use of 'shock' electric collars located in his kennels during a routine kennel inspection on 4th October 2022.

Investigative Stewards heard evidence from Mr Garratt during the Inquiry. Mr Garratt made full admission to having possession of the 'shock' electric collars located by Stewards during the kennel inspection.

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr Garratt with breaches of GAR 162 (e) for having in his possession any equipment capable of inflicting pain or suffering on a greyhound and GAR 165 (a) in that he engaged in conduct detrimental to the interest and welfare of greyhound racing.

Mr Garratt pleaded guilty to the charges.

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

PENALTY

Charges 1 and 2

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

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

- Mr Garratt's prior good history
- Mr Garratt's admissions and explanation around his conduct
- Mr Garratt's guilty plea
- Mr Garratt's ownership of his actions
- Specific and general deterrence

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



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Amber Knapp
Investigative Steward
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