

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024**

Date of Hearing: Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024  
Venue of Hearing: The Meadows Greyhound Racing Club  
Name: Mr Geoff Smith  
Date of offence: 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024  
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156 (w)  
Offence: Fails to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by a Controlling Body

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mrs Bianca Brocchi and Mr Dylan Bartolo

### **REPORT**

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2024, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry with Mr Geoff Smith concerning two non-compliant kennels which were presented for inspection on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2024 during a routine kennel inspection at his registered kennels.

Investigative Stewards heard evidence from Mr Smith during the Inquiry. Mr Smith accepted at the time of inspection his kennels were not compliant with the Code of Practice for the Keeping of Racing Greyhounds, namely section 6.7.2.

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr Smith with a breach of GAR 156 (w) for failing to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by the controlling body.

Mr Smith pleaded guilty to the charge.

Investigative Stewards found Mr Smith guilty of the charge and imposed the following penalty;

### **PENALTY**

\$250 fine

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

- Mr Smith's prior history
- Mr Smith's guilty plea
- Mr Smith's efforts to become compliant
- Specific and general deterrence



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**Bianca Brocchi**  
Investigative Steward  
**GREYHOUND RACING VICTORIA**