

## Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Date of Hearing: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024  
Venue of Hearing: 36 Yemm Lane Heathcote  
Name: Mr Mark GIDDINGS  
Date of offence: 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024

Rule: **Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 151 & 156(w)**

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Chris GAWNE and Mr Dylan BARTOLO

### **REPORT**

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Investigative Stewards held an Inquiry with Mr Mark GIDDINGS concerning the fact he did not have Treatment Records for greyhounds on his property nor did he have an Establishment Health Management Plan issued for his registered kennel address.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024, Investigative Stewards held a Stewards Hearing with Mr GIDDINGS relating to one (2) charges as follows:

### **CHARGE 1**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 151***

Being a person in charge of greyhounds did Fail to keep and retain written records detailing all vaccinations, antiparasitics and treatments *administered* to the *greyhound*

(a) from the time the *greyhound* enters their care until the *greyhound* leaves their care;

Mr GIDDINGS pleaded guilty to the charge.

Investigative Stewards found the charge proven and imposed the following penalty

### **CHARGE 2**

#### ***Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 156(W)***

Failing to comply with a policy or code of practice adopted by the controlling body.

Mr GIDDINGS pleaded guilty to the charge.

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

### **PENALTY**

#### **Charge 1**

Suspended for a period of 1 month wholly suspended for 12 months

#### **Charge 2**

Suspended for a period of 1 month concurrent with Charge 1, wholly suspended for 12 months

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

In determining penalty, Investigative Stewards considered the following factors, namely:

- Mr GIDDINGS' explanation concerning the incident
- Mr GIDDINGS' guilty plea
- Mr GIDDINGS' prior history.
- Specific and general deterrence.



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