

Investigative Stewards Hearing Report

Friday 18th October 2024

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 17th October 2024
Venue of Hearing: Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association - The Meadows
Name: Mr Mark GIDDINGS
Date of offence: 19th September 2024
Rule: Greyhounds Australasia Rules (GAR) 21.3
Offence: Permit condition on premises occupied likely to be dangerous to the health, welfare or safety of a greyhound

Officiating Investigative Stewards: Mr Chris GAWNE and Mrs Bianca BROCCHI

REPORT

On Thursday 17th October 2024, Investigative Stewards opened an Inquiry with Mr Mark GIDDINGS concerning two non-compliant kennels which were inspected on the 19th September 2024 during a kennel inspection at his registered kennels.

Investigative Stewards heard evidence from Mr GIDDINGS during the Inquiry. Mr GIDDINGS accepted at the time of inspection his kennels were not compliant with GAR 21.3

After considering the evidence, Investigative Stewards charged Mr GIDDINGS with a breach of GAR 21.3 for permitting conditions on premises occupied by Mr GIDDINGS that were likely to be dangerous to the health, welfare or safety of a greyhound.

Mr GIDDINGS pleaded Guilty to the charge.

Investigative Stewards found charge proved and imposed the following penalty;

PENALTY

\$1,500 fine and suspended for one (1) month.

\$1,000 of the monetary fine and the one (1) month suspension were suspended for a period of 12 months

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

- Mr GIDDINGS' prior history
- Mr GIDDINGS' guilty plea
- Mr GIDDINGS' efforts to become complaint
- Mr GIDDINGS' plea material submitted to the Stewards
- The need for Specific and general deterrence



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