

## **To Board**

9<sup>th</sup> June 2016

### **NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB INQUIRY**



On 27<sup>th</sup> November 2015 Mr. Ivor Dowdell was informed that the greyhound HE GONE had shown the presence of COBALT from the urine sample taken at the Mount Gambier Greyhound race meeting held at Mount Gambier on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015, and that he would be advised of the date, time and place of an inquiry.

The reserve portion of the urine sample was tested and the presence of COBALT was confirmed in excess of the threshold of 100ng/mL, according to Rule 83(10).

Mr. Dowdell attended a steward's inquiry on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016. After taking evidence from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager RASL), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinary Surgeon GA), GRSA Staff and Mr. Ivor Dowdell, stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Ivor Dowdell with a breach of the GRSA Rules of Greyhound Racing R83 in that he presented the greyhound HE GONE for racing at the Mount Gambier Greyhound race meeting held at Mount Gambier on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2015 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance COBALT in its urine at a mass concentration of 129ng/ML.

R83 Racing greyhound to be free of prohibited substances

- (2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
  - (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
  - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
  - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revokedshall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
- (3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be guilty of an offence.
- (4) A greyhound presented for an Event contrary to sub-rule (1) or (2) shall be disqualified from the Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test.

Mr. Dowdell pleaded guilty to the charge. Stewards then took submissions on penalty and adjourned the inquiry to a date to be fixed to consider the matter.

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 the inquiry resumed at which time Stewards handed down their reasons and imposed the following penalty:

Charge, to impose a penalty of 12 months disqualification.

This disqualification effective midnight Thursday 9 June 2016.

Furthermore stewards acting Under Rule 83(4) disqualified HE GONE from winning Race 3 on Sunday 25 October 2015.

Mr. Dowdell was advised of his rights of appeal.

#### **Further Information:**

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