

## **Media**

7<sup>th</sup> April 2016

# **NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB INQUIRY**



Mr. Micheal Delorenzo was previously informed that the greyhound BETTER CALL SAUL had shown the presence of COBALT from the urine sample taken at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Angle Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 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. Delorenzo was advised of the analyst's results and attended an inquiry at the offices of Greyhound Racing SA on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at 10.30am, into the circumstances relating to the obtaining of the positive urine sample.

After taking evidence from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager RASL), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinary Surgeon GA), Mrs. Lisa Michalanney (GRSA) and Mr. Delorenzo, stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Delorenzo with a breach of the GRSA Rules Of Greyhound Racing R83 in that he presented the greyhound BETTER CALL SAUL for racing at the Greyhound Racing SA race meetings held at Angle Park on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance COBALT in its urine at a mass concentration of 115ng/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 revoked

shall 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. Delorenzo pleaded not guilty to the charge. Stewards after discussing the matter found Mr. Delorenzo guilty of the charge.

After taking submissions on penalty Stewards adjourned the inquiry to consider the matter.

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2016 stewards handed down their reasons and imposed a penalty of 21 months disqualification to commence from midnight on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

Furthermore stewards acting Under Rule 83(4) and (5) disqualified Better Call Saul from winning Race 4 on Wednesday 9 September 2015 and from finishing fifth in Race 7 on Monday 14 September 2015.

Mr. Delorenzo was advised of his rights of appeal.

**Further Information:**

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