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## **Media**

10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

# **NOTIFICATION OF POSITIVE SWAB INQUIRY**



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Mrs. Lexia Isaac(WA) was previously informed that the greyhound JAMACIA THE FUN had shown the presence of COBALT from the urine samples taken at the Greyhound Racing SA race meetings held at Angle Park on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015, and that she would be advised of the date, time and place of an inquiry.

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

Mrs. Isaac was advised of the analyst's results and attended an inquiry at the offices of Greyhound Racing SA on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 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), Professor David Brynn Hibbert (UNSW Global), Dr. Steven Karamatic (Veterinary Surgeon GA), Mr. Darren Isaac, Dr. Philippa Kohnke and Mrs. Lexia Isaac, stewards were of the opinion that there was sufficient evidence to charge Mrs. Lexia Isaac with two breaches of the GRSA Rules Of Greyhound Racing R83 in that she presented the greyhound JAMACIA THE FUN for racing at the Greyhound Racing SA race meetings held at Angle Park on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015 and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2015 and the greyhound was found to have the prohibited substance COBALT in its urine at a mass concentration of 251ng/ML and 229ng/ML respectively.

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.

Mrs. Isaac pleaded guilty to the charges.

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

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 stewards handed down their reasons and imposed the following penalties:

Charge 1, to impose a penalty of 18 months disqualification; and

Charge 2, to impose a penalty of 18 months disqualification

These disqualifications are to be served concurrently effective midnight Sunday 13 March 2016.

Furthermore stewards acting Under Rule 83(4) and (5) disqualified Jamaica the Fun from winning Race 4 on Thursday 3 September 2015 and from finishing third in Race 8 on Thursday 10 September 2015.

Mrs. Isaac was advised of her rights of appeal.

**Further Information:**

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