



7 November 2016

RESULT OF INQUIRY – Mr. L. Bates

STEWARDS: L.G Michalanney, G. Steele, J. Evans

On Monday, 7 November 2016, Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards inquired into a report by the GRSA Animal Welfare Officer following a random kennel inspection at Trainer Mr. Leslie Bates' registered kennel address on Friday, 14 October 2016.

Evidence was taken from Mrs. Belinda Pearce (GRSA Animal Welfare Officer), Mr. Bates and Mrs. Doreen Farrell (Owner/Trainer).

After considering the matter and all evidence before them, Stewards charged Mr. Bates under Greyhound Racing Rule GAR 106; which reads:

(1) A registered person must ensure that greyhounds, which are in the person's care or custody, are provided at all times with-

(c) kennels constructed and of a standard approved by the Controlling Body which are adequate in size and which are kept in a clean and sanitary condition;

(5) An owner or person responsible at the relevant time who fails to comply with any provision of this rule shall be guilty of an offence and liable to a penalty in accordance with Rule 95.

Mr. Bates was found guilty of breaching this Rule. He was suspended for a period of three (3) months which was wholly suspended for 24 months and was fined \$350.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr. Bates' remorse, his clean record under this Rule, his forthrightness, his cooperation during the inquiry and his personal circumstances. However, participants must ensure that their registered kennel addresses do meet the requirements set out by the Controlling Body.

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