

27 September 2016



## ***NOTICE OF INQUIRY RESULT***

**STEWARDS: L.G Michalanney, D.J. Southgate, J. Evans**

On Tuesday, 27 September 2016, Greyhound Racing South Australia Stewards inquired into the analysis of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound PONTING'S NAIL, trained by Mr. Philip Lenehan, which had shown the presence of COBALT at the Greyhound Racing SA race meeting held at Mount Gambier on Sunday, 24 April 2016.

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 GAR 83(10).

Evidence was taken from Mr. Paul Zahra (Scientific Manager at Racing Analytical Services Limited), Dr. Greg Moore (GRSA Veterinary Surgeon) and Mr. Lenehan.

After considering the matter and all the evidence before them, Stewards believed there was sufficient evidence to charge Mr. Lenehan with a contravention of GAR 83(2) which reads:

*The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound –*

*(a) nominated to compete in an event;*

*shall present the greyhound free from 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.*

Mr. Lenehan pleaded guilty to the charge.

Mr. Lenehan was disqualified for a period of six months. The disqualification period will commence at midnight on Thursday, 6 October 2016.

In assessing penalty Stewards took into consideration his plea of guilt, his clean record in relation to offences under this Rule, the level of cobalt found in the sample, his involvement in the industry, the amount of time he has held a trainers licence, his personal circumstances and his cooperation and forthrightness during the inquiry. However, Stewards considered this is a serious matter, they must ensure that the industry is a level playing field and there is a deterrent for himself and others in relation to this type of offence.

Furthermore, Stewards acting under GAR 83(4) disqualified PONTING'S NAIL from winning Race 8 at Mount Gambier on Sunday, 24 April 2016, and directed that the placings in the race be amended accordingly.

Mr. Lenehan was advised of his rights of appeal.

**L.G. MICHALANNEY**  
**ACTING HEAD OF INTEGRITY**