

# Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

## Media Release

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Date of Hearing: Monday, 16 November 2015  
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing Room, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne  
Panel: Mr. John Wardle (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor (Deputy Chairman), and Mr. Phillip Pryor  
Name of Person Charged: Mr. Christopher Hennessy  
Suburb: Argyle  
Track: Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club  
Dates: Thursday, 9 July 2015  
GAR No: 83 (2)(3)

Offence Charged: Mr. Christopher Hennessy failed to present the greyhound 'Gunmetal Diva' free of any prohibited substance for an event at the Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club on Thursday, 9 July 2015.

### REPORT:

Following advice from Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound 'Gunmetal Diva' at the Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on Thursday, 9 July 2015.

During the investigation, Stewards received evidence from registered trainer Mr. Christopher Hennessy, Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Laboratory) and Dr. Steven Karamatic (Greyhound Racing Industry Veterinary Officer).

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Mr. Hennessy with a breach of Greyhounds Australasia Rules 83(2) and (3) in that he did fail to present the greyhound 'Gunmetal Diva' free of any prohibited substance for an event at the Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on Thursday, 9 July 2015 given that the post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Heptaminol.

Under Rule 47.1 of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules a breach of GAR83 (2) and (3) constitutes a Serious Offence. As a result, on Monday, 16 November 2015 this matter was

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heard before the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board in the first instance under Greyhound Local Racing Rule 47.3 and Sections 83C(b) and 83M(1) of the Racing Act.

Mr. Christopher Hennessy represented himself at the Hearing.

Mr. Glenn Fish (GRV Chief Steward) represented the Stewards Panel.

Mr. Christopher Hennessy pleaded guilty to the charge.

After hearing all the evidence tendered, the RADB determined that Mr. Hennessy was guilty as charged and disqualified him for a period of three months effective from midnight Monday, 23 November 2015.

In assessing penalty, the Board took into account all the evidence and submissions, including the following matters:

- (a) Mr. Hennessy’s guilty plea;
- (b) The nature of the prohibited substance Heptaminol, a category 3 substance under GRV’s prohibited substance penalty guidelines;
- (c) The need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- (d) Prior penalties for similar category 3 prohibited substance offences;
- (e) Mr. Hennessy’s clean history in the greyhound industry.

Acting under GAR83(4), the RADB also disqualified ‘Gunmetal Diva’ from Event 1 – The Winning Formula – Maiden T3 - at the Shepparton Greyhound Racing Club meeting held Thursday, 9 July 2015 and amended the placings as follows:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	Olivia Snow	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Roll ‘Em Dainty
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Cosmic Choir	<b>6<sup>th</sup></b>	Buffy’s Bear
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Charlie’s Lady	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b>	Hashtag Hutch
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Tallinn	<b>Disqualified</b>	Gunmetal Diva

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