

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Date of Hearing: Monday, 23 November 2015.
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing Room, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne.
Panel: Mr. John Wardle (Chairman) and Mr. Terry O'Connor (Deputy Chairman).
Name of Person Charged: Mr. Paul Anderton.
Suburb: Devon Meadows.
Track: Tooradin Trial Track.
Breaches of rules LRR 18.5 and GAR 86(af)

Offences Charged:

- (1) Mr. Paul Anderton did, on 11 November 2014, at Tooradin use or cause to be used a live animal (namely, a live rabbit) as a lure for two greyhounds, being the first two of the three greyhounds trialled (namely, two black or dark coloured greyhounds handled by him), the live rabbit having been attached with two straps to the lure arm by Mr. Stuart Mills, on a greyhound trial track (namely, the Tooradin Trial Track located at 175 Harewood-Mains Road, Tooradin, Victoria).
- (2) Mr. Paul Anderton did, on 11 November 2014, at Tooradin use an animal (namely, a live rabbit) for a purpose connected with greyhound racing in a manner which was improper, namely, he used that live animal as a lure for three greyhounds (namely, three black or dark coloured greyhounds handled by him), the live rabbit having been attached with two straps to the lure arm by Mr. Stuart Mills, on a greyhound trial track (namely, the Tooradin Trial Track located at 175 Harewood-Mains Road, Tooradin).

Further particulars:

- (i) The three greyhounds were trialled consecutively.
- (ii) For the trials of the first two of the said three greyhounds, the rabbit was alive.
- (iii) For the trial of the third of the said three greyhounds, the rabbit was dead, the rabbit having died whilst, and as a result of, being used as a

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- (iv) live lure and being gnawed on by the first two of the said three greyhounds to trial.
- (iv) It was "improper" to use an animal as a lure as described in paragraphs (i) – (iii) herein.

REPORT:

Under Rule 47.1 of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules a breach of LRR 18.5 and GAR 86(af) each constitutes a Serious Offence. As a result, on Monday, 23 November 2015 this matter was 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. Paul Anderton was represented by Mr. Matthew Stirling (Barrister) instructed by Balbata & Associates.

Mr. Paul Holdenson QC, instructed by Corrs Chambers Westgarth Solicitors represented the Stewards Panel.

Mr. Ron Matthews, (GRV Steward) and Professor Ronald Slocombe appeared as witnesses on behalf of the Stewards.

Mr. Paul Anderton gave evidence on his own behalf.

After hearing all the evidence tendered including viewing video footage and hearing closing submissions from both Mr. Holdenson and Mr. Stirling the RADB reserved its decision in these matters.

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