

Friday 28 July 2017

Stewards Report – GRV Registered Trainer Mr Joseph Sultana

On Wednesday 26 July 2017, Stewards received confirmation from Racing Analytical Services Limited that a post-race swab sample taken from Lucky Andy subsequent to it competing in Race 3 at Traralgon on 1 May 2017, contained the prohibited substance Morphine and Codeine.

At an inquiry on Thursday 27 July 2017, Mr Sultana, trainer of Lucky Andy, was advised of the findings. At that time, acting under the provisions of Greyhounds Australasia Rule 92(5)(c), Stewards notified Mr Sultana that his registration was now suspended pending the outcome on the inquiry.

When arriving at the decision to suspend Mr Sultana's registration, Stewards took into account his poor recent record in regard to breaches of the Greyhound Australasia prohibited substance rules. Of particular concern to Stewards was the fact that Mr Sultana had three recent relevant offences and was currently training under a 6 month wholly suspended disqualification imposed by VCAT (at appeal) on 17 May 2017, for two prior breaches of GAR 83 (2)(3) when he presented two greyhounds to race that returned samples positive to Morphine and Codeine. Stewards also took into account other factors including that Morphine is a Permanently Prohibited Banned Substance and the likelihood of Mr Sultana re-offending.

Mr Sultana was advised of his rights of appeal.

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