



Media Release

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Two greyhound participants immediately suspended and under investigation over alleged luring and baiting offences

Greyhound Racing Victoria (GRV) Stewards have today suspended a Victorian greyhound trainer and another registered person, with immediate effect, as a result of an investigation into alleged luring and baiting offences.

Today GRV's Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit Investigative Stewards conducted a targeted inspection of a property at Lara, near Geelong, where evidence was obtained relating to luring and baiting offences.

Investigative Stewards held inquiries with both registered participants who have been suspended with immediate effect, while investigations continue.

GRV Chief Executive Officer, Stuart Laing, said, "The industry has zero tolerance for any baiting offences, which not only impact animal welfare but also undermine the integrity of the sport and damages the reputation of the greyhound racing industry."

"I would like to acknowledge the work of GRV's Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit, that has led to the identification of these breaches, and the swift action that has been taken," Laing said. "Our Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit is highly vigilant and will investigate allegations and evidence and take appropriate action, including consideration of any potential criminal breaches of Victoria's *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986* as well as offences under the Rules of Racing."

No further comment on this matter will be made while the investigation is continuing.

GRV encourages anyone with any information about suspicious activity, greyhound welfare or integrity concerns to come forward and provide it to the Greyhound Racing Integrity Unit for investigation. Information can be submitted, anonymously if required, online at grv.org.au, or by calling the Investigations Hotline on 1300 856 109.

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