

STEWARDS DECISION

OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

and

Barry Heawood

Date of hearing: 5/06/ 2024

Stewards Panel: Dominic Tyson (Chairman), Neil Finnigan (Panel).

Present: *Mr Barry Heawood (Trainer)*

Paul Janes (Office of Racing Integrity)

Eli O'Sign (Cadet Steward)

Rule: Tasmanian Greyhound Rule: L22.5 Without limiting L22.1, actions that an owner must take to find a suitable long-term home for their greyhound include:(i) Notifying the Director of the commencement of a wind down period which comprises of at least 28 days during which the owner must ensure that:(a) the greyhound has not engaged in any racing related activities, including but not limited to trialling, breaking, education, training or racing; and

(b) a record, in an approved format, is kept of the genuine and daily efforts made to socialise the greyhound to non-training and non-

racing settings and environments and such details are recorded within 48 hours of the activity being undertaken.

Charge: That Mr Heawood, being the owner of Cheers To You, did permit the greyhound to leave his kennels to be re-homed without completing the mandatory 28 day wind down.

Plea: *Guilty*

Inquiry Decision: *Penalty imposed.*

Penalty: *\$1000 fine \$500 to be wholly suspended for 12 months.*

1. Summary of Facts

Mr Heawood is a licensed greyhound trainer based at Brighton, Tasmania.

On 16th of April, Mr Heawood gave the greyhound Cheers To You to a third party known as “Sarah” to be re-homed.

. The greyhound had only returned recently from active training and racing with licenced trainer Mr P Hall.

None of the 28-day wind down and associated recording of socialisation had been completed.

2. Penalty Considerations

The need to ensure compliance with the rules pertaining to winding down greyhounds to assess their suitability for re-homing.

To ensure the welfare of the greyhound and those adopting a retired greyhound.

The manner in which the adoption had been made by the third party and the subsequent exposure on social media and its reflection on the greyhound industry.

3. Penalty

In determining penalty, the Stewards Panel took into account:

Mr Heawood's guilty plea and his forthright evidence throughout the preliminary interviews and the inquiry.

Mr Heawood's record in relation to the rules and racing matters over many years, and the absence of any significant rule breaches.

Mr Heawood's assurances regarding his future wind down and adoption practices.

The need for the penalty to act as a specific deterrent to Mr Heawood and the greyhound industry in general from any further breaches of this rule.

Mr Heawood was advised of his right to appeal.

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