

# STEWARDS DECISION

## OFFICE OF RACING INTEGRITY

and

**Lynne Dove**

**Date of hearing:** 5/06/ 2024

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

**Present:** *Lynne Dove (Owner Attendant)*

*Paul Janes (Office of Racing Integrity)*

*Eli O'Sign (Cadet Steward)*

**Rule:** **Greyhound Australia Rule 156(f)(ii)** An offence is committed if a *person* (including an *official*):

f) has, in relation to a *greyhound* or *greyhound racing*, done something, or omitted to do something, which, in the opinion of a *Controlling Body* or *the Stewards*:

(ii) constitutes misconduct or is negligent or improper.

**Charge:** That Ms Dove, being the owner of Radio Signal, did permit the greyhound to leave her kennels to be re-homed without submitting the required wind down form in a timely manner thus constituting negligence pursuant to GAR 156(f)(ii).

**Plea:** *Guilty*

**Inquiry Decision:** *Penalty imposed.*

**Penalty:** *\$200 fine \$100 to be wholly suspended for 12 months.*

## **1. Summary of Facts**

Ms Dove is a licensed greyhound owner based at Brighton, Tasmania.

On 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2024, Ms Dove gave the greyhound Radio Signal to a third party known as “Sarah” to be re-homed.

The greyhound last raced on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May 2023 and had been domiciled at Ms Dove’s kennels since that date.

The greyhound had not taken part in any racing activities since February 2024.

## **2. Penalty Considerations**

The need to ensure compliance with the rules pertaining to winding down greyhounds and lodging the notification forms in the required time.

Ms Dove had only recently transferred the ownership of Radio Signal to her as it had been left in her care by the previous owner.

### 3. **Penalty**

In determining penalty the stewards took into account:

Ms Dove's guilty plea and her forthright evidence throughout the preliminary interviews and the inquiry.

Ms Dove's record in relation to the rules and racing matters over 10 years, and the absence of a rule breaches.

The need for the penalty to act as a specific deterrent to Ms Dove and the greyhound industry in general from any further breaches of this nature.

Ms Dove was advised of her right to appeal.

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