

### STEWARDS INQUIRY DECISION

<b>Date of Decision:</b>	28/09/2021
<b>Stewards Panel:</b>	R Brown (Chairman), S Shinn, J Gleeson, J Steele
<b>Name:</b>	Tammy Langley
<b>Track/Race:</b>	Tasmanian Trotting Club (Trials)
<b>Date:</b>	28 June 2021
<b>Rule no:</b>	Australian Harness Rule of Racing (AHRR) 190(1)
<b>Charge(s):</b>	Present horse when not free of prohibited substance
<b>Prohibited Substance:</b>	Aminorex
<b>Inquiry Decision:</b>	Fine \$2500 (\$1500 suspended for two years) - AHRR 190(1)

#### FACTS:

A pre-race swab taken from SQUATTER SHANNON at Tasmanian Trotting Club Trial meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 was found upon analysis to contain AMINOREX which is a prohibited substance under the Australian Harness Racing Rules.

#### INQUIRY:

Stewards inquired into the presence of Aminorex in the pre-race urine sample obtained from SQUATTER SHANNON

A certificate was firstly issued by Racing Analytical Services Limited and was confirmed by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory.

Stewards considered evidence tendered by Ms Tammy Langley.

Stewards also considered evidence obtained in a stable inspection conducted at Ms Langley's training stables at Brighton.

Ms Langley was charged and pleaded guilty. The charge being a breach of AHRR 190(1) in that she, as the trainer of SQUATTER SHANNON, presented the horse to race and win Trial 2 at the Tasmanian Trotting Club's trial meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 after which the Pre-race urine sample taken from the gelding was found upon analysis to contain AMINOREX, which is a prohibited substance under Australian Harness Racing Rules.

#### DECISION:

In determination of penalty stewards took into account the following considerations:

- Her guilty plea;
- Evidence throughout the inquiry;
- The nature of the substance detected;
- The possibility of plant contamination;
- Any penalty should act as a deterrent;
- Ms Langley's personal circumstances;

Consideration was given to relevant precedents regarding AMINOREX both in Tasmania and other racing States in all codes of racing.

Trainer Ms Tammy Langley was fined \$2500 of which \$1500 was wholly suspended for a period of two years on condition there are no breaches of AHRR 190.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 195 SQUATTER SHANNON was disqualified from its first placing in Trial 2 at the Tasmanian Trotting Club Trial meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Stewards remind Trainers of Office of Racing Integrity Media Release (link below) in relation to Aminorex dated 22.07.20 and encourage a thorough examination of their premises.

<https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/Documents/ATTENTION%20TRAINERS%20-%20Industry%20notice%20regarding%20Aminorex%20-%202022-07-2020.pdf>