

# MEDIA RELEASE

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## **GREYHOUND TRAINER FINED**

On Wednesday 12 April 2017 Office of Racing Integrity Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding a urine sample taken from the greyhound *Regent Assassin* (trained by Mr Anthony Bullock) prior to it competing in and winning Race 2 – Fenton Girl Grade 5 (I) 452M at the North West Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 13 September 2016. Upon analysis by Racing Analytical Services the sample was shown to contain the presence of Arsenic above the permitted threshold of 800 nanograms per millilitre.

Evidence was taken from Mr Paul Zahra, Scientific Manager, Racing Analytical Services, Dr Steve Karamatic, Regulatory Veterinarian, Greyhound Racing Victoria, Dr Alicia Fuller, Regulatory Veterinarian, Office of Racing Integrity and Trainer Anthony Bullock.

Mr Bullock was subsequently charged under the following rule:

### **GAR Rule 83 (2) (a) which reads:**

*The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound – nominated to compete in an Event shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.*

Mr Bullock pleaded guilty to a charge under that rule and was subsequently fined the sum of \$2,000

In determining penalty Stewards took into account that *Regent Assassin* had entered Mr Bullocks kennel on 5 September 2016 and subsequent to it racing on 13 September 2016 Mr Bullock discovered that *Regent Assassin* had chewed a considerable amount of timber in its housing. When Stewards informed Mr Bullock of the positive swab and carrying out a kennel inspection, a recently chewed timber board was removed from the kennel of *Regent Assassin* and upon analysis by a NATA approved Laboratory was found to contain Arsenic. A report by Dr Alicia Fuller Regulatory Veterinarian of the Office of Racing Integrity confirmed that the chewing of such timber could cause an elevated arsenic level in a greyhound.

Acting under the provisions of GAR Rule 83(4) *Regent Assassin* was disqualified with the placings to be amended accordingly.

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