

MEDIA RELEASE

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GREYHOUND TRAINER DISQUALIFIED

On Tuesday 4 April 2017 Office of Racing Integrity Stewards concluded an inquiry into a report received from the Racing Analytical Services Ltd laboratory (in Melbourne) that PRAMIRACETAM was detected in a pre-race urine sample taken from the greyhound *Madam Anne* (trained by Mr Rodney Bragg) at the Launceston Greyhound Racing Club meeting on 30 May 2016.

An inquiry was also concluded into a subsequent inspection of Mr Bragg's kennel conducted on 15 July 2016.

During the course of the inquiry, evidence was taken from Mr Paul Zahra, Scientific Manager, Racing Analytical Services, Dr Steve Karamatic, Regulatory Vet, Greyhound Racing Victoria and trainer Mr Rodney Bragg.

Mr Bragg was subsequently charged under the following rules:

1. 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 Bragg pleaded not guilty to a charge under that rule but was found guilty by Stewards and was disqualified for 6 months, effective immediately.

2. GAR Rule 84A (4) (a) which reads:

It shall be an offence for any person to acquire, attempt to acquire, administer or allow to be administered to any greyhound, any Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance referred to in Rule 79A.

Mr Bragg was charged under this rule on four (4) counts in that on 15 May 2016 he administered testaprop, a Permanently Banned Prohibited Substance to four (4) greyhounds in his care. Mr Bragg pleaded not guilty to all charges.

Stewards found Mr Bragg guilty of all charges and disqualified Mr Bragg for six (6) months on each charge. Stewards directed that all four (4) penalties are to be served concurrently.

Further, the Stewards directed that the penalty under GAR Rule 83 (2) (a) and the penalty under GAR Rule 84A (4) be served cumulatively. Therefore, in total Mr Bragg's penalty is a 12 month disqualification.

Acting under the provisions of GAR Rule 83 (4) *Madam Anne* was disqualified from the race and the placings were amended accordingly.

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Scott Quill
Acting Chairman of Stewards