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Stewards Inquiry Thomas Doherty – Bark Park, Georgetown

Panel – A Crowther, D Farquharson, & C Ellson

On Friday August 11 2017 Stewards inquired into a report that greyhounds trained by Mr Doherty were off lead and unmuzzled in the Georgetown Bark Park on 31 July 2017 and had allegedly attacked a dog which was taken into the park on lead by a member of the public.

Evidence was heard from Georgetown Council officers, from the member of the public who entered the park with another dog and from Mr Doherty. The dog which entered the park on lead suffered superficial injuries in the incident.

Mr Doherty was found guilty of a charge pursuant to GAR 86(q) which states “ *A person shall be guilty of an offence if the person commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing.*”

After considering all relevant factors in relation to penalty Mr Doherty’s Owner/Trainer Licence was suspended for twelve months, backdated to commence on 31 July 2017 and expiring at midnight on 30 July 2018.

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Adrian Crowther
CHAIRMAN