

19 January 2012

### **INQUIRY REPORT – Mr DAVID PRINGLE**

GRNSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into analysts' reports that the urine sample taken from Buck Fever after that greyhound won Race 9, the 'Super Maiden Oct 31' conducted by the GBOTA at Bathurst on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 contained the prohibited substance Prednisolone.

Evidence was taken from Trainer David Pringle and Dr Adam Cawley the Science Manager of the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory. Written evidence was entered from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory, Racing Science Centre (QLD), ARFL Senior Veterinarian Dr Craig Suann and Dr Bruce Thompson of Springside Veterinary Clinic.

Mr Pringle pleaded guilty to a charge under Greyhound Racing Rule 83 (2) (a) in that he presented Buck Fever for the race in question not free of a prohibited substance as the urine sample taken from the greyhound was found to contain Prednisolone.

After considering submissions on penalty Mr Pringle was fined \$1000. In determining the penalty Stewards took into consideration Mr Pringle's record in relation to this Rule over a 13 year involvement in the industry whereby he had previously only been issued with a Caution in February 2000, his personal circumstances, the nature of the substance involved which included the prescribed use of the product Dermotic by Dr Thompson for the treatment of Ringworm, the evidence from Dr Cawley that the level of the prohibited substance found in this sample was extremely low and in all likelihood consistent with the alleged mode of administration provided by Mr Pringle, previous penalties given to other persons in relation to the same Rule, and the effects that such findings have on the image of greyhound racing.

Under Greyhound Racing Rule 83 (4) Buck Fever was disqualified from Race 9 the 'Super Maiden Oct 31' at Bathurst on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and the placings were amended to:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – GROVEBROOK KING
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – LOVE MY WAY
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – SECTION TEN

Mr Pringle was advised of his rights of Appeal, with the amendment of placings to be held over until all avenues of Appeal have been exhausted.