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INQUIRY REPORT – MR KEITH BOAN

Greyhound Racing NSW Stewards yesterday conducted an inquiry into the analyst's reports that the urine sample taken from Holiday Impact after that greyhound won Race 3, the B & P Surveys Maiden Final 420m, run at the Tweed Heads meeting on Saturday 29 October 2011, had been analysed and confirmed to contain the prohibited substance procaine.

Evidence was taken from trainer Mr Keith Boan, ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley and written evidence was entered from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory's Senior Veterinarian Dr Craig Suann, the ARFL, Chem Centre WA, Veterinarian Dr J Sommerville, and meat wholesaler Mr. Warren Dunn.

Mr Boan gave evidence through the inquiry that he believed meat contamination was responsible for the abnormality and that a fellow trainer had been found guilty of presentation of a greyhound with this substance in it's system whilst using meat from the same supplier, albeit that race had been conducted in August.

Mr Boan was subsequently found guilty of a charge under GAR 83 (2) (a) in that he presented Holiday Impact for the race in question other than free of a prohibited substance in that the urine sample taken from the greyhound was found to contain procaine.

Mr Boan was fined \$500. In determining penalty Stewards took into account Mr Boan's exceptionally good record in over thirty years of licencing history, which include a very high number of samples being taken without abnormality, his personal circumstances, inclusive of his large investment in the industry and high number of greyhounds in training, previous penalties in relation to this substance, the fact of little support for Holiday Impact on the day, the nature of the substance involved and the relatively high reported level in this sample, and the likelihood that contamination of meat supply was the source of the result of analysis.

Notwithstanding this possibility it was also considered that Mr Boan had fed meat with little quality control applied, a practice he has amended in response to this abnormality.

Under GAR 83 (4) Holiday Impact was disqualified from the event and the placings amended to:

- 1st – Summer Caviar
- 2nd – Tuqiri Tiger
- 3rd – Chin Chin

Mr Boan was notified of his rights of appeal.