

## GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

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| OWNERS  | <i>Mr. James O’Hanlon &amp; Mrs May Kearns</i>   |
| ADDRESS | 13 Claddagh Court, Ballyfermot, Co. Dublin.<br>9 Beechview, Edmonstown, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16   |
| MATTER  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adverse analytical findings</b> – Flunixin– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Knockmitten Liam at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 14<sup>th</sup> of February 2025.</li></ul>   |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. James O’Hanlon joint registered owner of the greyhound Knockmitten Liam was in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. James O’Hanlon where he was not challenging the sampling process or the laboratory findings but the only explanation he could give for the positive sample was that the substance Flunixin came through the meat he feeds his greyhounds.</p> <p>The Committee were of the opinion that while no one could assert with a definitive conclusion as to how Flunixin ended up in the greyhound the Committee were of the view that Mr. O’Hanlon did not purposely administer the substance Flunixin. In support of this view, the Committee noted that there were samples taken from Knockmitten Liam on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February and 21<sup>st</sup> of February and they returned negative results.</p> |

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|  | <p>The Committee also took into consideration an Advisory Notice issued by Rásaíocht Con Éireann in 2015 and 2021 which advises owners of racing greyhounds, not to feed their greyhounds Category 2 meat as it may result in a subsequent adverse analytical finding and the responsibility of such a finding rests with the owner.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. O’Hanlon.</p> |
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| OWNER   | <i>Mr. Liam Corcoran</i>   |
| ADDRESS | Ballybrazil, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny  |
| MATTER  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – O-Desmethylvenlafaxine – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Jumbos Tulip at Waterford Greyhound Stadium on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.</li> </ul>  |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Liam Corcoran registered owner of the greyhound Jumbos Tulip was in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Liam Corcoran in which he stated he had no idea how this substance ended up in the greyhound and did not know what the substance is.</p> <p>The Committee also noted that Mr. Corcoran was not challenging the sampling process or the laboratory findings.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>Taking all the circumstances into account including the nature of the substance and its likely effect on the greyhound the Greyhound Racing Control Committee did not impose a sanction payment on Mr. Liam Corcoran as the Committee believed that this adverse analytical finding arose inadvertently and was not administered deliberately by or on behalf of Mr. Corcoran.</p> |

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| OWNERS  | <i>Mr. Cian Loughman</i>   |
| ADDRESS | Balymacken, Portlaoiose, Co. Laois   |
| MATTER  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical findings</b> – Flunixin– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Ring The Bossman at Mullingar Greyhound Stadium on the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2025.</li> </ul>  |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Cian Loughman registered owner of the greyhound Ring The Bossman was in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Cian Loughman that the only explanation he could give for the adverse analytical finding was that the substance Flunixin came through the meat he feeds his greyhounds.</p> <p>The Committee noted that no one could assert with a definitive conclusion as to how Flunixin ended up in the greyhound.</p> <p>The Committee also took into consideration an Advisory Notice issued by Rásaíocht Con Éireann in 2015 and 2021 which advises owners of racing greyhounds, not to feed their greyhounds Category 2 meat as it may result in a subsequent adverse analytical finding and the responsibility of such a finding rests with the owner.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> |

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|  | <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. Cian Loughman and awarded costs of €500 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann</p> |
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| OWNERS  | <i>Mr. Chris O'Dwyer</i>  |
| ADDRESS | Clonpet, Tipperary, Co. Tipperary   |
| MATTER  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical findings</b> – Caffeine– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Lion And Legend at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 8<sup>th</sup> of May 2025.</li> </ul>  |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Chris O'Dwyer registered owner of the greyhound Lion And Legend was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted Mr. Chris O'Dwyer had advised he was not able to attend the meeting. However, Mr. O'Dwyer gave his consent for the Greyhound Racing Control Committee to deal with the matter in his absence.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given in a written statement obtained from Mr. O'Dwyer where he confirmed that a lot of tea was put into the feed through the bread and nuts.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that while Mr. O'Dwyer was not present at the hearing they accepted his circumstances and took note of the various statements. Taking all the circumstances into account, the Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. Chris O'Dwyer and awarded costs of €500 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann</p> |

**November 2025**