

GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

TRAINER	<i>Mr. Ian Reilly</i>
ADDRESS	Tara Lodge, Tara, Navan, Co. Meath
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverse analytical finding – Clenbuterol – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Phoenix Tyson at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 4th of January 2025 and on the 11th of January 2025
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Ian Reilly, registered trainer of the greyhound Phoenix Tyson 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 noted the evidence given by Mr. Ian Reilly in admitting to being in breach of the regulation. Mr. Reilly highlighted how the greyhound was struggling for form due to a breathing issue and that it was recommended to him to use this substance to help with this issue. Mr. Reilly said he was aware of a withdrawal period but a mix up in the feeding regime in the kennel due to new staff and a family bereavement resulted in the greyhound being administered this substance longer than he should have been.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee also heard evidence in relation to 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 the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p>

	<p>Taking all the circumstances into account the Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €5,000 on Mr. Ian Reilly reduced to €4,000 for mitigating circumstances in relation to admitting to being in breach and accepting responsibility and awarded costs of €500 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Mrs. Dolores O’Flynn</i>
ADDRESS	Rathealy, Tullaroan, Co. Kilkenny
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Ketoprofen – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Don Rico at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium on the 30th of November 2024.
OUTCOME	<p>Mrs. Dolores O’Flynn registered owner of the greyhound Don Rico was not in attendance but was represented by her husband Mr. John O’Flynn.</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 the evidence given by Mr. John O’Flynn where he outlined that he injected the greyhound Don Rico with 1ml. of Ketoprofen as the greyhound had a bit of soreness in the shoulder the week leading into the sales trial.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to 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 the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>Taking all the circumstances into account the Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €1,000 on Mrs. Dolores O’Flynn reduced to €750 for mitigating circumstances in relation to admitting to being in breach and accepting responsibility and awarded costs of €500 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann</p>

TRAINER	<i>Mr. Kieran Lynch</i>
ADDRESS	Fortrichard, Nohoval, Belgooly, Co. Cork
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Atenolol – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Hardy Bucko at Cork Greyhound Stadium on the 18th of January 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Kieran Lynch registered trainer of the greyhound Hardy Bucko was in attendance for this matter.</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 the evidence given by Mr. Kieran Lynch where he outlined that the greyhound was given no substance by way of medication in the lead up to the sales.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement and storage of the sample, to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound. It was here that it was noted that the substance, Atenolol, found in the sample is a beta-blocker. It is a substance that is used for blood-pressure or a heart condition and would not be the type of drug that would be administered to a greyhound going to the sales as it would have the effect of slowing down the greyhound which would be seen as counter-productive for a greyhound going in a sale.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee additionally heard evidence regarding the estimated screening levels for the substance Atenolol in the urine sample in question.</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 the Greyhound Racing Control Committee did not impose a sanction payment on Mr. Kieran Lynch as the Committee accepted the drug was not purposely administered by Mr. Lynch and that it may have innocently happened in some form of contamination.</p>
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OWNERS	<i>Mr. Nicky Cleere & Ms. Cindy Nolan</i>
ADDRESS	Reisk, Desart, Cuffesgrange, Co. Kilkenny. & 51 Poccoke Lower, Johnswell Road, Kilkenny, Co. Kilkenny
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Clenbuterol – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Ballygoman Lad at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium on the 15th of January 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Nicky Cleere and Ms Cindy Nolan joint registered owners of the greyhound Ballygoman Lad were 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 the evidence given by Mr. Nicky Cleere where he outlined that he believed the substance in question came through the feeding of Category 2 horse meat. He fed the greyhound this horse meat (animal by-product) at the time as there was a shortage of Category 3 meat.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee also heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee additionally heard evidence regarding the estimated screening levels for the substance Clenbuterol in the urine sample in question.</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 the Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment</p>

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