

**STEWARDS REPORT:** POSITIVE SWAB – “*PERLE D’OR*”

**DATE:** 4 March 2009

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Stewards today finalised an inquiry into the positive finding of Boldenone 1, 4-Andostadiene-3, 17 Dione in the urine sample taken from ‘PERLE D’OR’ at The Gardens on the 17 December 2008.

The inquiry opened on the 4 March 2009 where evidence was taken from:  
Mr Wal Simmons, representing Mrs Helen Simmons, due to exceptional circumstances.

Mr Simmons advised the inquiry that he could not explain where the drug had come from; his only explanation was the possibility of the drug coming from the horse meat he had been feeding the greyhound.

Mr Simmons pleaded not guilty on behalf of Mrs Simmons to a breach of Rule 83(2) (a) which provides:-

**R83 Racing greyhound to be drug free**

- (2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
- (a) nominated to compete in an Event;  
shall present the greyhound free of any drug.

The particulars of the charge being that you did on 17.12.09 present the greyhound ‘PERLE D’OR’ for an event being race one The Gardens Sports Club Maiden held at The Gardens other than free of prohibited drugs in that the race day urine sample taken from the said greyhound has returned on confirmatory analysis positive to Boldenone 1, 4-Andostadiene-3, 17 Dione (Rule 83(2) (a) Rules of Greyhound Racing).

After further deliberation Stewards found Mrs. Simmons guilty to a breach of Rule 83(2) (a).

After consideration on the matter of penalty Mrs. Simmons was suspended for a period of nine months.

The following factors carried weight in the Stewards’ decision:

- (1) Any penalty imposed must act as a deterrent.
- (2) 36 years in the industry and never before stewards.
- (3) Need for drug free racing for the industry.

Acting in accordance with Rule 83(4) which provides;

83(4) A greyhound presented for an Event contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be disqualified from the Event or any benefit derived from a trial or test.

And disqualified “PERLE D’OR“from its first placing in Race (1) at The Gardens and amended the placings to read:-

1<sup>st</sup> SURF LEGEND  
2<sup>nd</sup> MIX BOMB  
3<sup>rd</sup> DAVETTE AND KEN  
4<sup>th</sup> HALL IN  
5<sup>th</sup> GOZOFF  
6<sup>th</sup> BOBBY DEE  
7<sup>th</sup> KAYTEE DIVA

Stewards advised Mr. Simmons of Mrs Simmons rights of appeal.

The bar imposed on ‘PERLE D’OR’ under LR 92 has been lifted.

Dean Degan,  
Acting Deputy Chair of Stewards (Greyhounds).