



**Greyhound and Harness Racing
Regulatory Authority**
Racing Integrity

STEWARDS REPORT: PERRIN Peter and Lorraine

DATE: 1.6.09

Stewards today finalised an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the finding of eight(8) European Rabbits in a cage at the property of Mr. and Mrs. Perrin during a kennel inspection on the 17th February 2009 and DVD evidence received at the GHRRA on 17th February 2009 of Mr. Perrin and Mrs. Perrin giving a live rabbit to a litter of pups by Birchgrove Tiger out of Full Intent which were whelped on the 28th October 2000.

During the course of the Inquiry evidence was taken from registered persons Mr. Peter Perrin and Mrs. Lorraine Perrin, GHRRA Steward Mr. Clint Bentley and Mr. Maurice Killey SA Owner, and written evidence RSPCA Chief Inspector Mr David O'Shanessay and GHRRA Steward Mr. Dean Degan.

The evidence at the Inquiry revealed that Peter and Lorraine Perrin gave a live rabbit to a litter of pups in early 2001 as documented in a DVD recently provided to the GHRRA. Mr. Perrin also had eight(8) European Rabbits in a cage on the property which were located during a joint RSPCA and GHRRA Steward inspection on the 17th February, 2009.

Stewards subsequently charged Mr. Perrin pursuant to Rule 109(15) of the Rules in force at that time which provides:-

R109 Offences

Any person (including an official) who:

(15) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which in the opinion of the Stewards, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper or constitutes misconduct.

The particulars of the charge being that Mr. Peter Perrin carried out an improper act by giving a live rabbit to a litter of pups by Birchgrove Tiger out of Full Intent that were whelped on 28th October 2000 as shown on the DVD marked as Exhibit H for the purpose of attacking the rabbit in an act of animal cruelty.

Stewards also charged Mr. Perrin with a breach of Rule 86(af) which provides:-

R86 Offences

A person (including an official) shall be guilty of an offence if the person-

(af)uses an animal for any purpose connected with greyhound racing in a manner which is improper;

The particulars of the charge are that Mr. Peter Perrin acted improperly by having eight(8) European Rabbits in a cage on your property at Bargo on the 17th February 2009 which was in the Stewards opinion obtained for the purpose of being given to greyhounds for an act of animal cruelty.

Mr. Perrin pleaded not guilty to both charges but after further consideration was found in breach of both Rules.

After consideration on the matter of penalty Mr. Perrin was disqualified for a period of seven(7) years from the 28th May, 2009 for a breach of Rule 109(15) and fined the sum of \$660.00 for a breach of Rule 86(af).

The following factors carried weight in the Stewards' decision:

- (1) Any penalty imposed must act as a strong deterrent.
- (2) Length of time in industry.
- (3) Good previous record.
- (4) Hobby Trainer and Breeder.
- (5) GHRRA strong stance on Animal Welfare.

Mrs. Perrin was charged with a breach of Rule 109(15) of the Rules in force at the time which provides:-

R109 Offences

Any person (including an official) who:

(15) has, in relation to a greyhound or greyhound racing, done a thing, or omitted to do a thing, which in the opinion of the Stewards, is negligent, dishonest, corrupt, fraudulent or improper or constitutes misconduct.

The particulars of the charge are that Mrs. Lorraine Perrin carried out an improper act by removing a live rabbit from a cage and giving to her husband for the purpose of its being given to a litter of pups to attack in an act of cruelty as shown in the DVD marked as Exhibit H.

Mrs. Perrin pleaded not guilty to the charge but after further consideration was found in breach of Rule 109(15).

After consideration on the matter of penalty Mrs. Perrin was disqualified for a period of seven(7) years from the 28th May, 2009.

The following factors carried weight in the Stewards' decision:

- (1) Any penalty imposed must act as a strong deterrent.
- (2) Length of time in industry.
- (3) Good previous record.
- (4) Hobby Trainer and Breeder.
- (5) GHRRA strong stance on Animal Welfare.

Mr. and Mrs. Perrin were advised of their rights of appeal.

M. HURLEY,
Chair of Stewards(Greyhounds).