

DECISION IN RELATION TO PENALTY

INQUIRY NUMBER: 18S067
PERSON: Mr Nathan Goodwin (**Participant**)
REGISTRATION: Trainer

**GRNSW INQUIRY
PANEL MEMBER(S):** Ms Tammy Cootes
Mr Grant Carroll
DATE OF DECISION: 10 July 2018

CHARGE

1. On 14 June 2018 the GRNSW Inquiry Panel (**Inquiry Panel**) charged the Participant under Rule 99(3)(g). The charge was:

That you, Nathan Goodwin, on 17 May 2018, entered and/or remained at a place where greyhounds are kept while disqualified (**Charge**).

ADMISSION

2. The Participant admitted the Charge.

PENALTY

3. On 16 August 2017 the Participant was disqualified for a period of one year by the GRNSW Inquiry Panel.
4. Under Rule 99(3)(g), a participant who is disqualified must not “enter or go or remain on, at any time, any place where greyhounds are trained, kept or raced”.
5. The Participant admits that on 17 May 2018, in breach of the conditions of disqualification, he entered the kennel area of a property where greyhounds are kept and:
 - (a) moved greyhounds from the kennel area to the yard area; and
 - (b) cleaned the kennel floors inside the kennel area.
6. The Inquiry Panel notes that there were 11 greyhounds located on the property on 17 May 2018; three retired greyhounds, four unnamed greyhounds, three named greyhounds that had not raced for some time and one racing greyhound.
7. The Inquiry Panel considers that participants must comply with the conditions of disqualification and, as such, there must be a penalty when a participant fails to do so. Such penalty must provide an appropriate level of deterrence and motivate participants to comply with the conditions of disqualification.
8. The Inquiry Panel considers the submissions of the Participant in relation to the circumstances that led to the Participant cleaning the kennels on 17 May 2018. These submissions are not repeated here as they include personal and health information about third persons as well as the Participant.
9. The Inquiry Panel also takes into account the Participant’s admission to the Charge at the earliest convenience.

10. Having regard to the totality of the facts, the Inquiry Panel determines that the appropriate penalty in relation to the Charge is for the period of one year disqualification to recommence from 17 May 2018 with six months wholly suspended on the condition that the Participant is fully compliant with the Rules. This means that the Participant serves an additional three months disqualification on top of the Participant's current disqualification period.
11. For the avoidance of doubt, the Participant may reapply for a licence from 17 November 2018.

Tammy Cootes
Manager Integrity and Inquiries
GRNSW Inquiry Panel