

## CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	<i>Donal Brennan</i>
ADDRESS	Arles, Ballickmoyler, Co. Carlow.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Amphetamine) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Night Time Mammy at Newbridge Greyhound Stadium on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2019.</li></ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Donal Brennan, registered owner of the greyhound Night Time Mammy appeared before the Control Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Brennan stated at the outset that he was taking full responsibility for the adverse analytical finding. Mr. Brennan acknowledged he made a mistake and he said he was embarrassed by the situation. Mr. Brennan explained that he obtained “a substance” from a third party and he was unaware what the substance was. He appealed to the Committee for leniency. He said the prize money of €1,600 was his motivation for administering the substance to the greyhound.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Brennan had admitted responsibility for the adverse analytical finding. The Committee took into consideration the full co-operation received from Mr. Brennan in this matter. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. Brennan and the prize money of €1,600 won by the greyhound Night Time Mammy in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Jonathan Carlin</i>
ADDRESS	2 Ballinacor Crossroads, Killygordon, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Finnelly Loch at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Jonathan Carlin, registered owner of the greyhound Finnelly Loch was not in attendance and no communication was received from Mr. Carlin in advance of the investigation.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Committee noted the substance Ibuprofen is a therapeutic human medication which is not licenced for canine veterinary use. The Committee also noted the lack of co-operation received from Mr. Carlin in this matter. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Carlin.</p>

OWNER/ TRAINER	<i>Sean Conaty</i>
ADDRESS	Nerja, Ardnamullen, Clonard, Co. Meath.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Acepromazine) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Confey Bay at Mullingar Greyhound Stadium on the 16<sup>th</sup> February, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Sean Conaty, registered owner/trainer of the greyhound Confey Bay appeared before the Control Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Conaty stated in his evidence that the greyhound Confey Bay was an extremely nervous and “hyperactive” greyhound and he gave the greyhound a tablet to calm her down. He did not realise the tablet contained a prohibited substance as he had received the tablets a number of years ago from a Veterinary Surgeon for a different prescribed use.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee accepted the explanation tendered by Mr. Conaty and the Committee was satisfied that Mr. Conaty had no sinister motive in administering the tablet to the greyhound. Taking into consideration the level of co-operation received from Mr. Conaty, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Conaty and the prize money of €50 won by the greyhound Confey Bay in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>John Geoghegan</i>
ADDRESS	Gortnagross, Athea, Co. Limerick.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Slippy Ned at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. John Geoghegan, registered owner of the greyhound Slippy Ned was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Geoghegan had contacted the Secretary advising he was unable to attend the investigation and gave his permission for the Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. Mr. Geoghegan also tendered an explanation to the Secretary that he had administered an Ibuprofen tablet to the greyhound on the day of the race to treat a toe injury.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the substance Ibuprofen is a therapeutic human medication which is not licenced for canine veterinary use. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Geoghegan and the prize money of €200 won by the greyhound Slippy Ned in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Adrian Hall</i>
ADDRESS	50 Ballyvallagh Road, Raloo, Larne, Co. Antrim.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Beaming Rainbow at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 16<sup>th</sup> of March, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Adrian Hall, registered owner of the greyhound Beaming Rainbow was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted correspondence received from Mr. Hall advising he was unable to attend the investigation and consenting to having the matter dealt with in his absence. Mr. Hall also tendered an explanation in the correspondence that he had applied an Ibuprofen Gel as a rub to the greyhound up to 72 hours prior to the race in question. Mr. Hall was of the belief that the withdrawal time for such a substance was 48 hours and the substance would have cleared the greyhound's system in advance of the race in question.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the significant level of co-operation received from Mr. Hall in dealing with this matter. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Hall and the prize money of €50 won by the greyhound Beaming Rainbow in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>John Houston</i>
ADDRESS	11 Hamill Grove, Glen Road, Belfast, Co. Antrim.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical findings</b> – (Acetaminophen and Codeine) returned from a urine sample</li> </ul>

	<p>obtained from the greyhound Our Ellas Prince at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June, 2019.</p>
<p>OUTCOME</p>	<p>Mr. John Houston, registered owner of the greyhound Our Ellas Prince appeared before the Control Committee. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Houston stated in his evidence that he had administered Paracetamol tablets to the greyhound as pain relief medication. He was unaware at the time that Paracetamol was a prohibited substance. The Committee further noted that Mr. Houston also stated he had no issues in relation to the sampling procedures and he accepted the Laboratory findings.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee, took into consideration the evidence presented by Dr. Jim Healy of the National Greyhound Laboratory that Paracetamol, also known as Acetaminophen, is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication that is sold “over the counter” and is commonly used for the relief of pain. Dr. Healy confirmed that Codeine is a component combined with Acetaminophen (Paracetamol) in some medical preparations.</p> <p>The Control Committee accepted the explanation tendered by Mr. Houston and the Committee was satisfied Mr. Houston did not administer the medication to the greyhound to enhance the greyhounds performance. Having taken all of the circumstances into consideration, including the excellent level of co-operation received from Mr. Houston, the Control Committee decided not to impose a fine on Mr. Houston. The prize money of €255 won by the greyhound Our Ellas Prince in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Adrian Markey</i>
ADDRESS	71 Slievenagarragh, Yellow Road, Hilltown, Newry, Co. Down.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Some Ginger at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Adrian Markey, registered owner of the greyhound Some Ginger, was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the explanation tendered by Mr. Markey in the completed Investigation Report Form he submitted that the greyhound was being treated for a muscle injury with Ibuprofen Gel the week before the race. On changing the greyhound's bedding the week after the race Mr. Markey said he found a tube of Ibuprofen Gel that the greyhound had chewed on unknown to Mr. Markey.</p> <p>Having considered all of the evidence in this matter The Control Committee was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Committee noted the significant level of co-operation received from Mr. Markey in relation to this matter and the Committee accepted the explanation tendered by Mr. Markey. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Markey.</p>

OWNER	<i>Donald O'Neill</i>
ADDRESS	94 Mountjoy Road, Coalisland, Co. Tyrone.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Cricket Field at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 12<sup>th</sup> of July, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Donald O'Neill, registered owner of the greyhound Cricket Field was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. O'Neill had contacted the Secretary advising he was unable to attend the investigation and gave his permission for the Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. Mr. O'Neill also tendered an explanation to the Secretary that, on veterinary advice, he applied a gel to the greyhound's toe on the day of the race in question. He was unaware the gel contained a prohibited substance.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the substance Ibuprofen is a therapeutic human medication which is not licenced for canine veterinary use. In the circumstances, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. O'Neill.</p>

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