

## CONTROL COMMITTEE PUBLICATION

TRAINER	<i>Peter Cronin</i>
ADDRESS	Summerfield House, Silversprings, Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny.
MATTER	The greyhound Gyp Rosetti was presented for racing at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Flunixin.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Peter Cronin 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, having considered all of the evidence tendered on this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Mr. Cronin was the holder of a Meat Feeders Licence but no records or receipts for the purchase of meat were made available to the Committee. The Committee found Mr. Cronin's feeding regime was contrary to the Advisory Notice issued by Bord na gCon in November, 2015 and in the circumstances, the Committee could not attribute the Adverse Analytical Finding to normal and ordinary feeding.</p> <p>The Committee imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. Cronin. Prize money of €250 won by the greyhound Gyp Rosetti on the night in question is forfeited in addition to further prize money won in subsequent rounds of the event.</p>

HANDLER	<i>Michael Cronin</i>
ADDRESS	Knockaderry, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford.
MATTER	The greyhound Oreo was presented for a Sales Trial at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 19 <sup>th</sup> of August, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Flunixin. Additionally, it was alleged Mr. Michael Cronin was training the greyhound Oreo at the time, in breach of the Greyhound Trainers' Regulations 1961.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Michael Cronin 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 considered all of the evidence tendered and accepted Mr. Michael Cronin's evidence that he was the person in charge of the greyhound at the time. The Committee also accepted Mr. Michael Cronin was not training the greyhound Oreo for reward and therefore, the Committee did not make any finding against Mr. Michael Cronin in respect of the alleged breach of the Greyhound Trainers' Regulations 1961.</p> <p>In relation to the adverse analytical finding for the substance Flunixin in the urine sample obtained from the greyhound Oreo at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August, 2016, the Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence tendered, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Category 2 meat was fed to the greyhound in an unregulated manner by Mr. Cronin and this could not be attributed to normal and ordinary feeding.</p> <p>The Committee imposed a fine of €250 on Mr. Michael Cronin.</p>

TRAINER	<i>Des Flaherty</i>
ADDRESS	Cartroon, Oranmore, Co. Galway.
MATTER	The greyhound Rinnwood Ruby was presented for racing at Galway Greyhound Stadium on the 30 <sup>th</sup> of July, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Caffeine.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Des Flaherty was not in attendance. The Committee noted email correspondence received from Mr. Flaherty advising he was unable to attend and he was satisfied to have this matter dealt with in his absence.</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 tendered on this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Mr. Flaherty co-operated in the process and the Committee accepted Mr. Flaherty's written admissions that he had given tea to the greyhound. However, the substance Caffeine should not have been present in the greyhound's system when presented for racing and having considered the reported level of Caffeine detected, the Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Flaherty.</p>

OWNER	<i>Richard Finn (Snr.)</i>
ADDRESS	Castle View, Ballygrennan, Bruff, Co. Limerick.
MATTER	The greyhound Silver Story was presented for racing at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 7 <sup>th</sup> of January, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Procaine.
OUTCOME	The nature of the substance Procaine was noted and a fine of €100 was imposed on Mr. Finn. Prize money of €125 won by the greyhound Silver Story in the race in question is forfeited.

TRAINER	<i>Denis J. Hutchinson</i>
ADDRESS	18 Glenard, Monavalley, Tralee, Co. Kerry.
MATTER	The greyhound Glamour Eagle was presented for racing at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the 5 <sup>th</sup> of July, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Caffeine.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Denis J. Hutchinson was not in attendance and had requested a further adjournment of this matter. The Committee considered Mr. Hutchinson's request and having noted this matter had previously been adjourned at the request of Mr. Hutchinson, decided to proceed with this matter in Mr. Hutchinson's absence.</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 tendered was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted this was Mr. Hutchinson's second offence before the Control Committee and taking into consideration the reported level of Caffeine detected, imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. Hutchinson. Prize money of €20 won by the greyhound Glamour Eagle on the night in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Mike McKenna</i>
ADDRESS	Killahan, Abbeydorney, Co. Kerry.
MATTER	The greyhound Redstone Martial was presented for racing at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the 13 <sup>th</sup> of January, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substances Caffeine and Ibuprofen.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Mike McKenna was not in attendance and as no communication was received from Mr. McKenna on this matter, the Committee decided to proceed in his absence.</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 tendered on this matter, was satisfied the substances Caffeine and Ibuprofen were found to be present in the urine sample obtained from the greyhound Redstone Martial on the date in question. It was a cause of serious concern to the Committee that a combination of two substances, one being a Stimulant and one being a Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug were detected in the urine sample obtained from the greyhound Redstone Martial when presented for racing at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the date in question.</p> <p>The Committee noted that Ibuprofen was a human medication not licenced for use in the treatment of canines. The Committee also took into consideration the reported level of Caffeine detected. In the circumstances, the Committee imposed a fine of €1,500 on Mr. McKenna and directed that all greyhounds under Mr. McKenna's care be subjected to sampling, when presented for racing, for a period of six months. Prize money of €235 won by the greyhound Redstone Martial in the race in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Kevin O'Hara</i>
ADDRESS	11 An Clos, Glean Na Baru, Bagenalstown, Co. Carlow.
MATTER	The greyhound Kids Max was presented for racing at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> of November, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Methylphenidate.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Kevin O'Hara was not in attendance. The Committee noted correspondence received from Mr. O'Hara advising he would not be attending.</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 the evidence tendered on this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted the substance detected was a human medication not licenced for use in the treatment of canines. The Committee considered this matter to be a serious breach of Regulation and imposed a fine of €1,000 on Mr. O'Hara. The Committee also directed that all greyhounds under Mr. O'Hara's care be subjected to sampling when presented for racing for a period of six months.</p>

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