

CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNERS	<i>Allan Boland & Billy White</i>
ADDRESS	Breaghy, Castlefin, Lifford, Co. Donegal & Ballybun, Castlefin, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
MATTER	The greyhound Ballybun Oshea was presented for racing at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 13 th of August, 2016. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Ibuprofen.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Allan Boland and Mr. Billy White were not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted Mr. Boland had contacted the Secretary advising neither he nor Mr. White would be attending the meeting and requested the Committee to proceed with this matter in their absence.</p> <p>The Committee also noted an Investigation Report Form was completed by Mr. White where he stated, as the traps malfunctioned in the race in question and the race was declared a void race, there was no case to answer.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence tendered in this matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee did not accept Mr. White's submission regarding the void race. The Committee noted Ibuprofen is a human medication not licenced by the H.P.R.A. as a veterinary product for canine use and also, there are welfare issues involved in the administration of such medication to a greyhound. Having taken into consideration Mr. Boland had a previous offence before the Committee; the Control Committee imposed a joint and several fine of €400 on the registered owners, Mr. Boland and Mr. White.</p>

NAME	<i>Mary Fitzgerald</i>
ADDRESS	Ballygeele, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
MATTER	Abusive behaviour towards Mr. Michael Falvey, Stipendiary Steward at Thurles Greyhound Stadium on the 1 st of March, 2014.
OUTCOME	<p>Ms. Mary Fitzgerald appeared before the Committee accompanied by Mr. Brian O'Brien, Solicitor, Kennedy Frewen O'Sullivan, Solicitors who represented Ms. Fitzgerald in this matter.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted at the outset this matter was adjourned on numerous occasions at the request of Ms. Fitzgerald.</p> <p>Having considered all of the evidence tendered the Committee accepted there was an unpleasant exchange on the night and Mr. Falvey, in his capacity as Stipendiary Steward, should have been allowed to carry out his duties without any interference from Ms. Fitzgerald.</p> <p>The Committee accepted there was a breach of regulation and Mr. Falvey was obstructed in the course of his duties.</p> <p>Having noted the apology tendered by Mr. O'Brien on behalf of his client Ms. Fitzgerald and further noting the submissions put forward by Mr. O'Brien on behalf of Ms. Fitzgerald, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €500 on Ms. Fitzgerald.</p>

TRAINER	<i>John Kiely</i>
ADDRESS	Ballygrunna House, Killeagh, Co. Cork.
MATTER	The greyhound Newlawn Jeff was presented for racing at Cork Greyhound Stadium on the 25 th of May, 2017. 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. John Kiely 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 in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Mr. Kiely had stated in evidence that the substance had come through meat he was feeding to the greyhound at the time. The Committee also noted Mr. Kiely was the holder of a Meat Feeders Licence and receipts for the purchase of meat during the relevant time period were available. However, the Committee was satisfied this was not a food contamination issue. The Committee noted evidence that there is no indication Flunixin is licenced by the H.P.R.A. as a veterinary product for canine use and also the level of Flunixin present was significant.</p> <p>The Committee, having taking into consideration Mr. Kiely had a previous offence before the Control Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Kiely and prize money of €85 won by the greyhound Newlawn Jeff in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Tony Maxwell</i>
ADDRESS	Hazelwood Kennels, Lifford, Co. Donegal.
MATTER	The greyhound Hit The Roaduk was presented for racing at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 3 rd of June, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Ibuprofen.
OUTCOME	Mr. Tony Maxwell was not in attendance.

	<p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted Mr. Maxwell had advised the Secretary he was unable to attend the meeting and requested that the Committee proceed with the matter in his absence.</p> <p>The Committee also noted Mr. Maxwell completed an Investigation Report Form where he stated he was accepting responsibility for the adverse analytical finding as he was treating the greyhound at the time for a split web.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Ibuprofen is a human medication not licenced by the H.P.R.A. as a veterinary product for canine use and there are welfare issues involved in the administration of such medication to a greyhound. Having taken into consideration the considerable level of co-operation received from Mr. Maxwell, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Maxwell and the prize money of €600 won by the greyhound Hit The Roaduk in the event in question is forfeited.</p>
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HANDLER	<i>Michael McDonagh</i>
ADDRESS	Beagh, Brownsgrrove, Tuam, Co. Galway.
MATTER	The greyhound Tir Na Croi was presented for racing at Longford Greyhound Stadium on the 24 th of April, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Benzoylcegonine.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Michael McDonagh, accompanied by his wife Mrs. Nora McDonagh, appeared before the 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</p>

	<p>evidence in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Committee noted Mr. Michael McDonagh had stated in evidence he was the person with sole responsibility for the greyhound and that he had charge of the greyhound Tir Na Croi at the time. The Committee did not accept Mr. McDonagh's explanation that he attributed the adverse analytical finding to the use of a "Wintergreen" rub or "Difene" gel. Additionally, the Committee did not accept Mr. McDonagh's evidence that the substance had come through the food chain. Taking into consideration the serious nature of the substance Benzoylecgonine, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €1,000 on Mr. Michael McDonagh.</p>
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OWNER & HANDLER	<i>Toddy McMahon & Cornelius McMahon</i>
ADDRESS	Main Street, Abbeyfeale, Co. Limerick.
MATTER	The greyhound Fogarty was presented for racing at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the 4 th of November, 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. Toddy McMahon and Mr. Cornelius McMahon were not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted correspondence received from Mr. Cornelius McMahon advising he attributed the adverse analytical finding to a tonic he was administering to the greyhound at the time and also advising he was not in a position to attend the meeting.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted the significant level of co-operation received from Mr. Cornelius McMahon and the Committee also noted the</p>

	level of Caffeine detected was relatively low compared to the permitted Caffeine threshold of 4µg/ml. The Control Committee imposed a joint and several fine of €200 on Mr. Toddy McMahon and Mr. Cornelius McMahon.
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TRAINER	<i>Ian Reilly</i>
ADDRESS	Tara Lodge, Tara, Navan, Co. Meath.
MATTER	The greyhound Dream Dude was presented for racing at Clonmel Greyhound Stadium on the 23 rd of April, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Procaine.
OUTCOME	Mr. Ian Reilly appeared before the Committee. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter. The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence tendered in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee did not accept Mr. Reilly's explanation that the substance detected had come through the food chain prior to him taking custody of the greyhound. The Committee also noted Mr. Reilly was not the holder of a Meat Feeders Licence when Category 2 meat was found on his premises during regulatory inspections conducted by Mr. Denis Lee, Stipendiary Steward. The Control Committee imposed a fine of €400 on Mr. Reilly.

OWNER	<i>Matthew Ryan</i>
ADDRESS	Hymenstown, New Inn, Cashel, Co. Tipperary.
MATTER	The greyhound On Budget was presented for racing at Clonmel Greyhound Stadium on the 26 th of March, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Acetaminophen.
OUTCOME	Mr. Matthew Ryan was not in attendance and no

	<p>communication was received from Mr. Ryan in advance of the meeting.</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 the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted the substance Acetaminophen is a human medication not licenced by the H.P.R.A. as a veterinary product for canine use and there are welfare issues involved in the administration of such medication to a greyhound. The Committee also noted the limited level of co-operation received from Mr. Ryan in this matter, in the circumstances the Control Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Ryan.</p>
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TRAINER	<i>Vincent Toner</i>
ADDRESS	9 Hilltown Road, Newry, Co. Down.
MATTER	The greyhound Mays Chris was presented for a sales trial at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium on the 1 st of April, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Firocoxib.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Vincent Toner was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted Mr. Toner had contacted the Secretary advising he was unable to attend the meeting due to work commitments. Mr. Toner had further advised he was not contesting the sampling process or the laboratory analysis and he requested that the Committee proceed with this matter in his absence.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Mr. Toner had no issues with the sampling process and he</p>

	accepted the laboratory analysis as he had treated the greyhound with an authorised veterinary medication following corn and verruca removal. Having taken into consideration the significant level of co-operation received from Mr. Toner in this matter the Control Committee imposed a fine of €100 on Mr. Toner.
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TRAINER	<i>P.J. Tynan</i>
ADDRESS	Ballinderry, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary.
MATTER	The greyhound Parnell Bowwow was presented for racing at Galway Greyhound Stadium on the 14 th of April, 2017. A urine sample obtained from the greyhound on the date in question returned an adverse analytical finding for the prohibited substance Mefenamic Acid.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. P.J. Tynan was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted Mr. Tynan had completed an Investigation Report Form where he stated he had administered “Ponstan” tablets to the greyhound for three days in advance of the race as the greyhound was suffering from sore quicks.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Committee noted Ponstan is a human medication not licenced by the H.P.R.A. as a veterinary product for canine use and there are welfare issues involved in the administration of such medication to a greyhound. Having taken into consideration the significantly high level of Mefenamic Acid detected, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €300 on Mr. Tynan.</p>

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