



FEBRUARY 2

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), DM Kays (Investigations)

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to an incident at the Beenleigh Caravan Park on January 9 involving four greyhounds in the care of Mr K Morphett and a pet dog owned by Max Price of Western Australia.

Stewards took evidence from Morphett, Ken Gordon and Mr M Reibelt.

Written statements were accepted from Mr K O'Neill, Garnet Bahr, Stacey Purcell and Angelique Purcell.

Morphett was subsequently charged under Rule 109 (17) which states: "Any person who commits or omits to do any act or engages in conduct which is in any way detrimental or prejudicial to the interest, welfare, image, control or promotion of greyhound racing".

Morphett pleaded not guilty but was found guilty. He surrendered his license to stewards and can only apply at the stewards pleasure.

Stewards gave serious consideration to the exceptional circumstances that arose in evidence when considering the penalty.

Morphett was read his rights of appeal.