



2003 World Greyhound Racing Federation Conference

23rd – 25th September

I.C.A.C Investigation into NSW
Greyhound Racing Officials

Background

» How it all evolved-

- Meeting with Stewards to discuss their concerns
- Assessment of claims/concerns
- Referral to ICAC
- Undercover Investigation
- Public Inquiry
- ICAC findings

Impact

- » Government (Premier & Minister)
- » Authority-
 - Board
 - Management
 - Staff-
 - Stewards
 - Client Service Staff
 - Counseling support

Impact cont'd

- » Participants
- » Image-
 - Positive
 - Negative
- » Wagering
- » Registrations

Disciplinary Process

- » Authority (Regulatory)
- » Director of Public Prosecutions (Criminal)
- » Delays
- » Misunderstandings (who is doing what)
- » Why are some of these people still participating?



The Recommendations

- » #1 to #16 (*listed in Annexure “A”*)
- » The required process
- » The “Vine” Report (*detailed in Annexure “B”*)
- » The Anti Corruption & Fraud Control Report
- » Rule Changes-
 - Mandatory Penalties
 - Transfers/sales of greyhounds affected by participant disqualifications
 - Associated Persons
- » The Opportunity to implement change (without the overriding argument of cost)

- **Reaching the “Level Playing Field”**
- **Procedural & Technological Advancement**
 - Manager, Stewarding Division
 - ARFL Systems and Equipment
 - Swab Tracking & Information Systems database
 - Grading & Box Draws



Procedural & Technological Advancement cont'd

- Breaking down the Policeman/Judge/Jury/Sentencing stigma
- Swabbing Policies
- Camera Surveillance at racetracks within the Kennel/Veterinary Room/Weighing-in areas
- Starting Boxes
- Contractual impacts

- **Trust & Acceptance**
- **Internal Administrative Processes/Recording**
- **Staff Responsibilities & Position Descriptions**
- **Animal Welfare considerations**
- **Where are we at 3 years down the track?**

■ **The Worms emerge**

- Claims by Participants of corrupt treatment and interference with other samples by Potter
- Potter stands firm on his admissions of not having substituted a “clean” sample for a tainted one nor having carried out any form of retribution against any other person

■ **The Cost**

- Legal
- Equipment
- Swabbing

■ **The Necessity for Proof**

- Balance of Probabilities v. Beyond Reasonable Doubt

■ **Benefits - Improved:**

- » Systems & Processes
- » Surveillance
- » Awareness of Responsibilities
- » Rules
- » Training

- **The Need & Importance for Communication & Education of the Facts without hindering the Disciplinary/ Judicial process**
- **A Need for Transparency in all processes as a means of regaining Trust, Acceptance and Respect**



- **Security of Documents**
- **Chain of Custody**