



JULY 12

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), DM Kays (Investigations), B Huber (steward)

Stewards opened an inquiry into the positive swab (dexamethasone) returned by Where's Fred which competed in Race 6 (placed 2nd) at Albion Park on May 13.

Stewards took evidence from Mr Paul Cauchi Jnr of Tugun, trainer of Where's Fred. He was subsequently charged under Rule 106 which states: "The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event, shall produce the greyhound for the event free of any drug".

He pleaded guilty, was suspended for three months and fined \$500.

Where's Fred was disqualified and Cauchi Jnr was directed to return to the prizemoney to the GRA. He was read his rights of appeal.

JULY 26

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

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to the swab sample 210430 containing methylprednisolone taken from Rare Roman which competed in race 7 (placed first) at Albion Park on May 6.

The Racing Science Centre detected methylprednisolone in the first sample tested and issued a certificate accordingly.

Trainer Mr T Zammit was advised that Analytical Services in Victoria would carry out the referee analysis of the second sample and control solution.

Advice was received from Racing Analytical Services that while methylprednisolone was identified by their tests, there was insufficient levels detected to issue a second certificate.

Stewards interviewed Zammit. Protocol in Queensland requires stewards to have two certificates of confirmation in our possession before we can declare the discrepancy a positive swab. On those grounds, stewards were unable to proceed with the sample and no charges were brought.

AUGUST 9

Stewards ordered an autopsy on Ozzy Merv following its collapse and subsequent death at Albion Park on July 19 and asked that a urine sample be taken during the autopsy by vets at the Racing Science Centre.

Stewards received a report from Dr Graeme Knowles of Idexx Laboratories which identified cause of death as a ruptured aorta which bled into the heart. The urine sample was reported clear.

AUGUST 16

Stewards present: DM Ryan (chairman), R Watkins (senior steward).

Stewards opened an inquiry in relation to an incident reported following the last race at Albion Park on July 15. Victorian trainer Mr G Arvanitis was observed following the last race in the parade area adjacent to the kennel block injecting a substance into his greyhound. He was interviewed at Albion Park on July 22 and following questions from the stewards panel, he identified the substance as tridenosen.

This substance was given to stewards on request by him and submitted to the Racing Science Centre for testing. Stewards took evidence from Arvanitis of Devon Meadows. he was subsequently charged under Rule 109 (17) which states: Any person, including an official, 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. Arvanitis pleaded guilty and was fined \$500. He was read his rights of appeal.