

Racing Appeals & Disciplinary Board

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Date of Hearing: Monday, 24 August 2015.
Venue of Hearing: RADB Hearing Room, 46-50 Chetwynd St, West Melbourne.
Panel: Mr. John Wardle (Chairman), Mr. Terry O'Connor (Deputy Chairman), and Mr. John Van Echteld.
Name of Person Charged: Ms. Jenny Hunt.
Suburb: Lara.
Track: The Meadows.
Date: Saturday, 28 March 2015 and Wednesday, 1 April 2015.
GAR No: GAR83 (1)(a) and GAR83 (2) (3)

Offences Charged:

Cadence Bale

GAR 83 (1) (a)

Ms. Jenny Hunt the trainer of the greyhound 'Cadence Bale' which was nominated to compete in an event, namely, Race 2 the Sky Racing, Grade 5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on 28 March 2015, did administer or cause to be administered a prohibited substance demonstrated by the presence of Amphetamine or 4-Hydroxyamphetamine for the purpose of affecting the greyhound's condition, behaviour or performance in the event.

GAR 83 (2) (3)

Ms. Jenny Hunt the trainer of the greyhound 'Cadence Bale' which was nominated to compete in an event, namely, Race 2 the Sky Racing, Grade 5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on 28 March 2015, did fail on that date to present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance, given that a post race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Amphetamine and 4-Hydroxyamphetamine

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Enrica Bale

GAR 83 (1) (a)

Ms. Jenny Hunt the trainer of the greyhound 'Enrica Bale' which was nominated to compete in an event, namely Race 5 the RSN Racing and Sport, Mixed 4/5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on the 1 April 2015, did administer or cause to be administered a prohibited demonstrated by the presence of Amphetamine or 4-Hydroxyamphetamine for the purpose of affecting the greyhound's condition, behaviour or performance in the event.

GAR 83 (2) (3)

Ms. Jenny Hunt the trainer of the greyhound 'Enrica Bale' which was nominated to compete in an event, namely Race 5 the RSN Racing and Sport, Mixed 4/5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on the 1 April 2015, did fail on that date to present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance, given that a post race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substance, given that a post race urine sample taken from the greyhound indicated the presence of the prohibited substance Amphetamine and 4-Hydroxyamphetamine.

REPORT:

Following advice from Racing Analytical Services Laboratory, the Stewards of Greyhound Racing Victoria conducted an investigation into the results of a post-race urine samples taken from the greyhounds 'Cadence Bale' at the Meadows Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on Saturday, 28 March 2015 and the post-race urine sample taken from the greyhound 'Enrica Bale' on at the Meadows Greyhound Racing Club meeting held on Wednesday, 1 April 2015

During the investigation, Stewards received evidence from registered trainer Ms. Jenny Hunt, Mr. Paul Zahra (Racing Analytical Services Laboratory), Simon Smith (Trainer), Lewis Smith (Trainer) and Dr. Steven Karamatic.

After considering the evidence, Stewards charged Ms. Jenny Hunt with breaches of Greyhounds Australasia Rules 83 (1) (a) and 83(2) and (3) as set out above.

Under Rule 47.1 of the Greyhound Racing Victoria Local Rules a breach of GAR83 (1)(a), (2) and (3) constitutes a Serious Offence. As a result, on Monday, 24 August 2015 this matter was heard before the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary Board in the first instance under Greyhound Local Racing Rule 47.3 and Sections 83C(b) and 83M(1) of the Racing Act.

Ms. Jenny Hunt was represented by Mr. John Sharkie (Solicitor).

Mr. Glenn Fish (GRV Chief Steward) represented the Stewards Panel.

Ms. Jenny Hunt pleaded guilty to the charges under GAR83 (2) (3) and the Stewards withdrew both charges relating to GAR (1) (a).

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After hearing all the evidence tendered, the RADB determined that Ms. Hunt was guilty as charged and disqualified her for a period of 4 years on both charges, to be served concurrently and commencing at the conclusion of her current penalty on 4 November 2016.

In assessing penalty, the Board took into account all the evidence and submissions, including the following matters:

- (a) Ms. Hunt’s guilty plea;
- (b) The nature of the prohibited substances Amphetamine and 4-Hydroxymethamphetamine, being permanently banned substances;
- (c) The need to maintain the integrity of greyhound racing and ensure a level playing field for all participants;
- (d) Prior penalties for similar category 4 prohibited substance offences and particularly Ms Hunt’s prior penalty; and
- (e) Character references provided in support of Ms. Hunt.

Acting under GAR83(4), the RADB also disqualified ‘Cadence Bale’ Race 5 the RSN Racing and Sport, Mixed 4/5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on the 28 March 2015 and amended the placings as follows:

1st	Pretty Boy Grigg	5th	Lioness Lulu
2nd	Allen Quarian	6th	All Bar One
3rd	Ultimate Talent	7th	Cosmic Tate
4th	Aston Isaac	Disqualified	Cadence Bale

Acting under GAR83(4), the RADB also disqualified ‘Enrica Bale’ from Race 5 the RSN Racing and Sport, Mixed 4/5, conducted by the Melbourne Greyhound Racing Association at the Meadows on the 1 April 2015 and amended the placings as follows:

1st	Champer Bale	5th	Dyna Judas
2nd	Ozzy Bale	6th	Ester Bale
3rd	Enjoy Cruising	7th	White Walker
4th	Cadence Bale	Disqualified	Enrica Bale

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