

## **Disciplinary Committee Inquiry**

The Disciplinary Committee of the GBGB were in attendance at a meeting held on Friday, 19th February 2010:-

Mr K Salmon (in the chair)

Mr J Akerman

Mr R Coughlan

Dr E. Houghton

(\*denotes where a member did not sit due to possible conflict of interest)

### **2. Suspension of Licence – Professional Trainer Mr Graham Hutt**

Professional Trainer Mr Graham Hutt was found in breach of rules 6, 152 (i) & (ii), 174 (xiv), 212 (iii).

On the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2009 whilst on a routine visit to the kennels of Professional Trainer Mr Graham Hutt the Stipendiary Steward, Alex McTaggart noted that the GBGB licenced kennels were now occupied by a greyhound rescue agency. Mr Hutt informed the stipendiary steward that his greyhounds now occupied another kennel on his property. These were shown to the Stipendiary Steward who noted that there were no raised beds for the greyhounds but only bedding on the floor. Mr Hutt later informed Mr McTaggart that the kennel had actually been approved by another stipendiary steward, Mr Eric Vose. This aspect was refuted by Mr Vose. In addition Mr Hutt stated that he had only recently moved into the new kennel block. Inquiries revealed that the greyhound rescue agency occupying the GBGB licenced kennel block had bought these kennels from Mr Hutt on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009 and moved in a few days later; albeit that Mr Hutt was still sharing this accommodation with them.

This matter was brought to the attention of the Director of Regulation who in accordance with rule 160(vii) of the Rules of Racing suspended the licence of Mr Hutt on the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009 for using unlicensed kennels. Mr Hutt attended the hearing of the Disciplinary Committee and having heard his evidence decided that the present suspension of his licence would continue until 31st March 2010. Prior to that date he must have his new kennels inspected. Subject to a satisfactory inspection his licence will be reinstated as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010.

In passing this penalty the Disciplinary Committee took into account that his licence had been suspended from the 20<sup>th</sup> October 2009.

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### **1. Sittingbourne Stadium – Platinumlancelot – Professional Trainer Mr Jason Foster**

Professional Trainer Mr Jason Foster was found in breach of rules 152, (i) 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound PLATINUM LANCELOT at SITTINGBOURNE STADIUM on 30th JULY 2009 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug ketoprofen. Mr Foster apologised for his non attendance and was represented by his legal adviser Mr John Thomson and Kennelhand Bradley Russell. Having considered their explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Foster be severely reprimanded and fined £500.

#### **1A. Sittingbourne Stadium – Goodview Blue– Professional Trainer Mr Jason Foster**

Professional Trainer Mr Jason Foster was found in breach of rules 152, (i) 174 (i)(b) and 217 in that a urine sample taken from the greyhound GOODVIEW BLUE at SITTINGBOURNE STADIUM on 30th JULY 2009 was analysed by HFL Sports Science Laboratory as containing the drug ketoprofen. Mr Foster apologised for his non attendance and was represented by his legal adviser Mr John Thomson and Kennelhand Bradley Russell. Having considered their explanation together with the circumstances of the case, the Disciplinary Committee ordered that Mr Foster be severely reprimanded and fined £500.

In addition the Disciplinary Committee considered an application for costs from the Director of Regulation. The Disciplinary Committee awarded costs of £1,500 against Mr Foster.

\*Dr E Houghton did not sit in either Inquiry.