

	Regulatory Notice to Owners & Trainers: Medication Information - Dietary Contamination & Administration of Therapeutic Substances	Department:	Regulation
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The IGB has addressed the issue of dietary contamination. As a result, it has decided to apply a screening limit of 1µg/ml for Morphine and Procaine. This decision is in line with practice in other major greyhound racing jurisdictions.

The IGB has examined the situation relating to the administration of therapeutic substances such as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), e.g. ibuprofen. An issue of concern to the IGB is the declaration of positives for samples taken from greyhounds which had earlier received therapeutic treatment and where the blood and/or urinary concentration of the therapeutic substance has decreased to insignificant (“no effect”) levels.

A policy decision has been taken not to declare positives for such samples containing residual traces of the substance in question.

With regard to a Therapeutic Exemption List, the IGB notes that it is currently standard practice in Human Sport and has received Veterinary advice that it is very much a relevant issue in Greyhound Racing. In this regard it is noted that a very limited number of greyhounds nationally suffer from seizures and fits and

would benefit greatly from the therapeutic administration of Phenobarbital. The performance enhancing characteristics of Phenobarbital in this regard are considered negligible.

It was considered appropriate that when this condition was diagnosed in a greyhound, a Certificate from a Veterinary Surgeon certifying same could be sent to the Regulatory Body in advance of a greyhound competing at a track and this would exempt the greyhound from a Phenobarbital positive.

However, it must be stressed that prior application to be placed on this list, accompanied by a Veterinary Certificate must be received by the Regulation Department of IGB prior to the greyhound competing at a licensed track and subsequently testing positive for Phenobarbital.