

**IN THE MATTER OF THE IRISH GREYHOUND BOARD AND THE GREYHOUND  
INDUSTRY ACT, 1958 AND IN THE MATTER OF**

**Mr Paul Nolan, Clonbrennan, Ballybrack, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary.**

## **EXCLUSION AND DISQUALIFICATION ORDER**

The Irish Greyhound Board (the Board) is the body charged by the State with the powers and duties to provide for the improvement and development of the Greyhound Industry under the Greyhound Industry Act of 1958 (the Greyhound Act).

The Board of Bord na gCon as established by the Greyhound Act has the power and duty to protect and preserve the integrity and development of the Greyhound Industry in the State.

Pursuant to section 43 of the 1958 Act, the Welfare Department of the Irish Greyhound Board commenced an investigation into breaches of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011 which took place on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2014, 8<sup>th</sup> October 2014 and 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014 at Mr Nolan's premises and reported various welfare offences. Subsequently Bord na gCon served a Welfare Notice on Mr. Paul Nolan on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2014 on the following grounds:

- (a) As per Section 20 (1) (d) of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011 a contravention of the Act, or regulations under the Act, may have taken place or may be taking place
- (b) As per Section 20 (1) (e) of the Welfare of Greyhounds Act 2011, the conditions under which greyhounds are kept, traded, transported, bred, reared, trained, raced or coursed may give rise to unnecessary pain or suffering or other risk to the health or welfare of greyhound.

The Measures listed in Welfare Notice and time period within which measures were to be taken such as Provision of sufficient quantities of appropriate food and water (i.e. to support optimal health) to be given to all greyhounds on a daily basis and that no greyhounds to be kept on the premises from Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014 were not followed. Accordingly Mr Nolan was in breach of the Welfare Notice issued and Bord na gCon removed 7 adult greyhounds and 5 young pups (not registered) from the premises on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

Following a presentation of the investigation findings by the Executive to the Board held on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of August 2015, taking into account the seriousness of this welfare case and a successful conviction determined at District Court Level in relation to Mr Paul Nolan, the Regulation and Welfare Department recommended that as well as the penalties issued by the District Court, the Board also take action and implement industry sanctions against Mr Paul Nolan. As such in order to ensure that no further welfare risk or risks occur or are likely to occur within this Industry by Mr Paul Nolan and to allay the welfare concerns raised by Judge McGrath as to whether she could prohibit the defendant from being in control of greyhounds, the Executive sought the Board's consent to impose the following sanctions and these sanctions were granted by the Board at its meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> August 2015:


**PURSUANT TO SECTION 45(1) OF THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY ACT, 1958, IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

- A **Disqualification Order** be imposed pursuant to section 45 (1) that after consideration of the result of any investigation at the instance of the Board, as instructed at Board Meeting November 2014, the Board, after consultation with the club, may by order in respect of all or specified greyhounds kept, owned, trained or managed by Mr Paul Nolan, disqualify such greyhounds from (a) registration in the Irish Stud Book; (b) entry for any greyhound race at any greyhound race track and (c) entry for any event forming an item at any authorised coursing meeting (d) acceptance for sale at any public sale of greyhounds;

ALSO PURSUANT TO SECTION 47(1) OF THE GREYHOUND INDUSTRY ACT, 1958, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

- An **Exclusion Order** be imposed pursuant to section 47 (1) that the Board with consent of the Club, may by order prohibit Mr Paul Nolan from all of the following- (a) being on any greyhound track, (b) being at any authorised coursing meeting and (c) being at any public sale of greyhounds.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 05<sup>th</sup> DAY OF FEBRAURY 2016

  
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