

## CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	<i>John Gleeson</i>
ADDRESS	Muckenaugh, Lixnaw, Co. Kerry.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Propranolol) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Yesterdays News at Tralee Greyhound Stadium on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September, 2019.</li></ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. John Gleeson, registered owner of the greyhound Yesterdays News, was not in attendance. Mr. Kevin Gleeson appeared before the Control Committee representing his son, Mr. John Gleeson.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the explanation tendered by Mr. Kevin Gleeson that a family member may have inadvertently administered medication to the greyhound Yesterdays News on the day of the race in question.</p> <p>The Committee noted that the substance Propranolol is a serious substance that has the potential to slow a greyhound down. The Committee further noted that no absolute explanation was tendered for the detection of the substance in the urine sample obtained from the greyhound in question. In the circumstances the Control Committee imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. John Gleeson and the prize money of €30 won by the greyhound Yesterdays News in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

TRAINER	<i>Graham Holland</i>
ADDRESS	Athassel Abbey South, Golden, Co. Tipperary.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical findings</b> – (Benzoylecgonine) returned from urine samples obtained from the greyhound Clonbrien Hero at Cork Greyhound Stadium on the 24<sup>th</sup> of June, 2017, the 1<sup>st</sup> of July, 2017 and the 22<sup>nd</sup> of July, 2017.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Graham Holland, trainer of the greyhound Clonbrien Hero appeared before the Control Committee. Mr. Holland was accompanied by his legal representative Mr. Cathal Gibbons, C.P. Crowley &amp; Company, Solicitors. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, was also present accompanied by Mr. Pat McInerney, Solicitor, Holmes O'Malley Sexton Solicitors, who represented Bord na gCon in these matters.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in these matters was satisfied in the first instance that the Board properly referred the cases to the Control Committee pursuant to its obligation under legislation. The Committee accepted that the samples in question were obtained from the greyhound Clonbrien Hero.</p> <p>The Control Committee took into consideration in its deliberations a report prepared by Professor Thomas Tobin, a recognised scientific expert in such matters, which was presented to the Control Committee by Mr. Gibbons on behalf of Mr. Holland. Professor Tobin's report concluded that in his view as an experienced Veterinarian, Pharmacologist and Toxicologist, the levels of Benzoylecgonine detected in the samples in question were all of sufficiently low concentration that they were, by definition, pharmacologically and forensically insignificant and completely consistent with innocent and unavoidable environmental origins.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted that Mr. McInerney, on behalf of Bord na gCon, confirmed that having regard to Professor Tobin's report, environmental contamination could not be argued against. In this regard Professor Tobin's report was uncontested and in the circumstances the Control Committee decided Mr. Holland had no case to answer in respect of these adverse analytical findings.</p>

OWNER/ TRAINER	<i>Brian Johnson</i>
ADDRESS	75 Sruthan Mhuirlinne, Ballybane, Co. Galway.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Adverse analytical finding</b> – (Naproxen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Grahams Star at Galway Greyhound Stadium on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2019.</li> </ul>
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Brian Johnson, registered owner/trainer of the greyhound Grahams Star appeared before the Committee.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the explanation tendered by Mr. Johnson that he administered two Paracetamol tablets and one Vimovo tablet to the greyhound four days prior to the race in question as he thought the greyhound may have sustained an injury. Mr. Johnson also stated he was unaware the tablets contained a prohibited substance and he was of the belief that the substance involved would have cleared the greyhound's system within the four day period prior to the race in question. In the circumstances and noting the excellent level of co-operation received from Mr. Johnson the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Johnson.</p>

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