

CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	<i>Colm Burns</i>
ADDRESS	86A An Gleann Rua, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Naproxen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Native Chief at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 19th of May, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Colm Burns, registered owner of the greyhound Native Chief, was not in attendance.</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. The Control Committee noted Mr. Burns had completed an Investigation Report Form where he admitted to being in breach of the Regulations in relation to the detection of the prohibited substance in the urine sample obtained from the greyhound Native Chief on the date in question. Taking all of the circumstances into consideration, including Mr. Burns' admission of guilt, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. Burns.</p>

OWNER	<i>Shea Campbell</i>
ADDRESS	64 Demesne Park, Rock Road, Armagh.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Carprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Armagh Tornado at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 15th of August, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Shea Campbell, registered owner of the greyhound Armagh Tornado, was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p>

	<p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Campbell had advised the Secretary he was unable to attend the meeting and requested that the Committee proceed with the matter in his absence.</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. The Control Committee noted a memorandum on file of a telephone conversation between Mr. Campbell and the Secretary where he stated he was taking responsibility for the adverse analytical finding as he had administered an anti-inflammatory tablet to the greyhound because the greyhound was carrying an injury at the time. The Control Committee also noted the evidence given by Dr. Jim Healy, Head of The National Greyhound Laboratory, that the explanation tendered by Mr. Campbell was credible. However, Dr. Healy stated that the level of Carprofen detected in the sample in question was “significant” and could be regarded as having animal welfare concerns. In the circumstances the Control Committee imposed a fine of €250 on Mr. Shea Campbell.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Anthony Carmody</i>
ADDRESS	Lickadoon, Ballyneety, Co. Limerick
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Aidens Luck at Thurles Greyhound Stadium on the 15th of September, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Anthony Carmody, registered owner of the greyhound Aidens Luck, appeared before the Control 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. The Control Committee</p>

	<p>noted Mr. Carmody had co-operated in the process and the explanation tendered by Mr. Carmody that he had administered pain relief medication to the greyhound was credible. The Control Committee also noted the evidence given by Dr. Jim Healy, Head of The National Greyhound Laboratory, that the detection of the substance Ibuprofen was consistent with the administration of pain relief medication to the greyhound as explained by Mr. Carmody. In the circumstances the Control Committee imposed a fine of €100 on Mr. Carmody.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Patrick Conlon</i>
ADDRESS	Clohanmore, Cree, Kilrush, Co. Clare.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Naproxen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Milesian Wave at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 13th of October, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Patrick Conlon, registered owner of the greyhound Milesian Wave, appeared before the Control 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 the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Control Committee noted there were no issues raised in relation to the sampling procedures. The Committee also noted that there is no permitted threshold for the substance Naproxen and the level detected was described by Dr. Jim Healy, Head of the National Greyhound Laboratory, as being a “significant concentration”. In the circumstances, the Control Committee decided to impose a fine of €200 on Mr. Conlon and prize money of €100 won by the greyhound Milesian Wave in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

TRAINER	<i>Frank Courtney</i>
ADDRESS	71 Rathmore Road, Antrim.
MATTERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Milldean Gem at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 6th of July, 2018. • Adverse analytical finding – (Robenacoxib and Ibuprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound ILL Have That at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 12th of July, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Frank Courtney, trainer of the greyhounds Milldean Gem and ILL Have That, was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in these matters.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Courtney had contacted the Secretary advising he would not be attending the meeting due to work commitments and gave his permission for these matters to be proceeded with in his absence.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the Investigation Report Form submitted by Mr. Courtney together with a signed note from a Veterinary Hospital, confirming the greyhound ILL Have That was being treated at the time for a pulled muscle in the shoulder.</p> <p>The Control Committee also noted a memorandum on file of a telephone conversation between Mr. Courtney and the Secretary where Mr. Courtney explained he had been treating the greyhound ILL Have That with a gel containing Ibuprofen and the gel was on his hands when he was rubbing down the greyhound Mildean Gem.</p> <p>The Control Committee, having considered all of the evidence in these matters, was satisfied the two cases presented by Bord na gCon were proven. Taking all of the circumstances into consideration, the Control</p>

	<p>Committee decided to impose a fine of €250 on Mr. Courtney in respect of the adverse analytical findings Robenacoxib & Ibuprofen returned from the urine sample obtained from the greyhound ILL Have That at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 12th of July, 2018. The prize money of €130 won by the greyhound ILL Have That in the event in question is forfeited.</p> <p>In respect of the adverse analytical finding (Ibuprofen) returned from the urine sample obtained from the greyhound Milldean Gem at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 6th of July, 2018 the Control Committee found this case proven and did not impose a fine on Mr. Courtney however, the prizemoney of €80 won by the greyhound Milldean Gem in the event in question is forfeited.</p>
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PARENT /GUARDIAN	<i>John Donnelly</i>
ADDRESS	103 Springfort Meadows, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Acetaminophen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Sues Choice at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 21st of September, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. John Donnelly, parent/guardian of the registered owner of the greyhound Sues Choice, was not in attendance.</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 the matter was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Control Committee noted the detection of Acetaminophen in the sample in question was not challenged by Mr. Donnelly. Mr. Donnelly had tendered an explanation in the Investigation Report Form he completed and he had admitted administering a Paracetamol tablet to the greyhound Sues Choice. The Control Committee noted Dr. Jim Healy, Head of the National Greyhound</p>

	Laboratory stated in his evidence that the level of Acetaminophen detected in the sample in question was consistent with the explanation tendered by Mr. Donnelly. In the circumstances, the Control Committee decided to impose a fine of €100 on Mr. Donnelly and the prize money of €100 won by the greyhound Sues Choice in the event in question is forfeited.
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OWNER	<i>Sean Mulcahy</i>
ADDRESS	The Grawns, Gortmore, Carrigatoher, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Flufenamic Acid) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Greenisle Hades at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 18th of August, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Sean Mulcahy, registered owner of the greyhound Greenisle Hades, 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 the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Control Committee noted the explanation tendered by Mr. Mulcahy that he had administered a Nurofen tablet to the greyhound for pain relief. The Committee acknowledged the level of co-operation received from Mr. Mulcahy in this matter however, the Control Committee had concerns that a human medication was administered to a greyhound and in the circumstances imposed a fine of €400 on Mr. Mulcahy. Prize money of €20 won by the greyhound Greenisle Hades in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Samuel McKeever</i>
ADDRESS	9 Muldonagh Road, Claudy, Co. Derry.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Firocoxib) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Pac Man at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 26th of May, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Samuel McKeever, registered owner of the greyhound Pac Man, was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Head of Regulation, Bord na gCon, represented Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. McKeever had contacted the Secretary advising he was unable to attend the meeting and gave his permission for the matter to be proceeded with in his absence.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. McKeever had completed an Investigation Report Form and submitted an accompanying letter where he tendered a credible explanation that, on veterinary advice, he administered therapeutic medication to the greyhound.</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. Taking into consideration the significant level of co-operation received from Mr. McKeever and fully accepting the written explanation tendered by Mr. McKeever, the Control Committee decided to issue Mr. McKeever with a formal caution in respect of this adverse analytical finding. The prize money of €50 won by the greyhound Pac Man in the event in question is forfeited.</p>

OWNER	<i>Bill O'Brien</i>
ADDRESS	Chapel Street, Castletownroche, Co. Cork.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Psi-ephedrine) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Another Lari at Cork Greyhound Stadium on the 12th of October, 2018.

OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Bill O'Brien, registered owner of the greyhound Another Lari, 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 the matter, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven. The Control Committee fully accepted all of the evidence tendered by Mr. O'Brien that he had administered a Sudafed tablet to the greyhound for therapeutic purposes to relieve nasal congestion. Taking all of the circumstances into consideration, the Control Committee decided not to impose a penalty on Mr. O'Brien in respect of this adverse analytical finding.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Ingrid Swan-Doonan</i>
ADDRESS	Hazelbank Close, Oberstown, Tara, Co. Meath.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – (Propranolol) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Micklem Faith at Mullingar Greyhound Stadium on the 26th of August, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mrs. Ingrid Swan-Doonan, registered owner of the greyhound Micklem Faith, was not in attendance.</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. The Control Committee noted Mrs. Swan-Doonan had submitted a completed Investigation Report Form with additional correspondence signed by Mrs. Swan-Doonan. In the correspondence, Mrs. Swan-Doonan outlined she had mixed up the feeding dishes and the greyhound Micklem Faith was mistakenly given the feed prepared for a sapling greyhound in her kennels that was suffering from ligament damage. Mrs. Swan-Doonan</p>

	<p>tendered an explanation that as the sapling greyhound was very excitable she had given “some tablets” in the food to try to calm the sapling greyhound down. Mrs. Swan-Doonan stated in the correspondence she was responsible for the adverse analytical finding.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted the substance Propranolol is of a very serious nature and is a substance which has the potential to slow a greyhound down. The Control Committee also noted the poor performance of the greyhound in the race in question. Taking all of the circumstances into consideration, the Control Committee imposed a fine of €2,000 on Mrs. Swan-Doonan and prize money of €20 won by the greyhound Micklem Faith in the race in question is forfeited. The Committee also directed that all greyhounds under Mrs. Swan-Doonan’s care be subjected to sampling when presented for racing for a period of three months.</p>
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