

GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	<i>Mr. Raymond Hamilton Jnr.</i>
ADDRESS	132 Good Shepards Glen, Derry, Co. Derry,
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverse analytical findings – 19-norepiandrosterone, 19-noretiocholanolone, 5α-estran-3β, 17β-diol and 5α-estran-3β, 17α-diol – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Bartlemy Soldier at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 5th of April 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Raymond Hamilton Jnr. registered owner of the greyhound Bartlemy Soldier was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Committee noted the evidence given in an Investigation Report Form furnished by Mr. Hamilton Jnr in which he outlined that he did not knowingly administer a prohibitive substance to the greyhound Bartlemy Soldier and that his research suggests contaminated meat leads to positive nandrolone test and that he has since changed his meat supplier.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee also heard evidence in relation to the procurement and dispatch of the sample, the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Committee took particular notice in the evidence provided from Dr. Jim Healy of The Irish Greyhound Laboratory in relation to laboratory evidence in which he stated that the sample showed four different canine metabolites for Nandrolone.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied</p>

	<p>that the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p>
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	<p>Taking all the circumstances into account, the Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a Disqualification Order on Mr. Raymond Hamilton for a period of 15 months as well as a sanction payment of €5,000 and awarded costs of €750 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Mr Michael Casey</i>
ADDRESS	Rathquage, Bonmahon, Co. Waterford
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical findings – Diclofenac– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Jay Jay at Waterford Greyhound Stadium on the 23rd of October 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Michael Casey registered owner of the greyhound Jay Jay was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Michael Casey on the Investigation Report Form where he was not challenging the sampling process or the laboratory findings and that he advised the Committee he administered a cream on the wrist of the greyhound Jay Jay which contained the substance Diclofenac as the greyhound was sore after a gallop. He did this an hour after the gallop and was thinking of the welfare of the greyhound and had no ulterior motive.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. Casey and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann</p>

TRAINER	<i>Mr. Edward Brien</i>
ADDRESS	100 Inagh Court, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Caffeine – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Pauls Girl at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 14th of August 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Edward Brien licenced trainer of the greyhound Pauls Girl was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Edward Brien on the Investigation Report Form where he admitted to being in breach of the regulations as he gave the greyhound Pauls Girl tea and milk as part of her morning diet and evening diet and that she is getting tea at least three times a day. He stated he is not pleading ignorance to the rules as he has seen the publication warning to the dangers of caffeine in tea and feeding it to greyhounds.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee having considered all the evidence and taking all the circumstances into account, imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. Edward Brien and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>

OWNER	<i>Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald</i>
ADDRESS	Killacolla House, Glin, Co. Limerick
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical findings – Clenbuterol– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Collakilla Bee at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 26th of July 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald registered owner of the greyhound Collakilla Bee was in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald at the hearing in relation to what he thought might be the cause of the adverse analytical finding when he was unable to get his usual order of meat he accepted a couple of boxes of meat that was not his usual order and fed these to his greyhounds and believed it was possible that this box of meat could have caused the adverse analytical finding.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>Taking all the circumstances into account, the Committee imposed a sanction payment of €250 on Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>

OWNER	<i>Mr. William Mullan</i>
ADDRESS	42 Glendara, Derry, Co. Derry.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical findings – Naproxen returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Ballyroyal Nate at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 23rd of August 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. William Mullan registered owner of the greyhound Ballyroyal Nate was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. William Mullan in the Investigation Report Form where he admitted to being in breach of the regulations and was not challenging the sampling process or the laboratory findings and that he advised the Committee he administered 250mg of an anti-inflammatory tablet three or four days before the race to ease symptoms of discomfort Ballyroyal Nate was showing believing it would have left the greyhounds system prior to the race.</p> <p>The Committee noted that Mr. Mullan did not name the tablet that was administered which did not help the Committee in having all the evidence.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €150 on Mr. Mullan and cautioned him on his future conduct and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>

TRAINER	<i>Mr Robert Montgomery</i>
ADDRESS	Gortnavern, Coolboy, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical findings — (Nordiazepam (desmethyldiazepam), Temazepam (3-hydroxydiazepam) and Oxazepam (desmethyl-3-hydroxydiazepam)),- returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Hit The Floor at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 23rd of August 2025.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Robert Montgomery registered owner of the greyhound Hit The Floor was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the laboratory analysis and about the substance itself and the effect it would have on the greyhound.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Montgomery where he was not challenging the sampling process or the laboratory findings and there was an admission to being in breach of the regulations. Mr. Montgomery advised that the greyhound Hit The Floor who was racing on the night often takes panic-attacks. Mr. Montgomery thought he was helping his greyhound by giving him one of his Diazepam tablets.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee also noted that Mr. Montgomery made the Control Steward aware at an early stage during the sampling process that he had administered one of his Diazepam tablets to the greyhound Hit The Floor to deal with the panic-attacks.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter were satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p>

	<p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the very comprehensive Investigation Report Form and the evidence received around the procurement of the sample where Mr. Montgomery highlighted to the Control Steward that he gave the greyhound a Diazepam tablet as he suffers from panic attacks and these were seen as mitigating factors by the Greyhound Racing Control Committee.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €250 on Mr. Montgomery and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.</p>
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