

CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	<i>Joe O’Gorman</i>
ADDRESS	97 Sheephill Avenue, Corduff, Blanchardstown, Dublin 15.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverse analytical finding – (Carprofen) returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Looney Mctoe at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 19th of November, 2019.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Joe O’Gorman, registered owner of the greyhound Looney Mctoe, was not in attendance.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, was in attendance on the day representing Bord na gCon in this matter.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. O’Gorman had contacted the Secretary advising he was unable to attend the investigation and gave his permission for the Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. Mr. O’Gorman tendered an explanation to the Secretary that another greyhound in his kennels was being treated at the time with prescribed veterinary medication and, the greyhound Looney Mctoe may have inadvertently been administered some of this medication.</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 Committee accepted the explanation tendered by Mr. O’Gorman, in his conversation with the Secretary, that veterinary medication prescribed for another greyhound in his kennels was inadvertently administered to the greyhound Looney Mctoe.</p>

	<p>The Control Committee noted the level of co-operation received from Mr. O’Gorman in this matter and taking all of the circumstances into consideration the Control Committee imposed a fine of €200 on Mr. O’Gorman. The prizemoney of €150 won by the greyhound Looney Mctoe in the event in question is forfeited.</p>
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OWNER	<i>Jason Mernor</i>
ADDRESS	170 Mount Carmel Heights, Strabane, Co. Tyrone.
MATTER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abusive behavior towards the Control Steward at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 8th of December, 2018.
OUTCOME	<p>Mr. Jason Mernor appeared before the Control Committee. Mr. Mernor was accompanied by his uncle Mr. Gareth Mernor.</p> <p>Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, represented Bord na gCon in this matter. Mr. Martin McLaughlin, Control Steward, Lifford Greyhound Stadium was also in attendance.</p> <p>An incident occurred at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 8th of December, 2018. It was alleged that Mr. Jason Mernor, acted in an aggressive, threatening and abusive manner towards Mr. Martin McLaughlin, Control Steward. It was further alleged that Mr. Mernor threatened to physically assault Mr. McLaughlin while using foul and abusive language on the night in question.</p> <p>The Control Committee having considered all of the evidence, including the evidence tendered on the day by Mr. McLaughlin and Mr. Mernor, was satisfied the case presented by Bord na gCon was proven.</p> <p>The Control Committee noted Mr. Mernor accepted he made derogatory comments about Mr. McLaughlin.</p> <p>The Control Committee Members held the view that Mr. McLaughlin, as an Official of the Board, was entitled to conduct his duties on the night without interference from Mr. Mernor.</p>

	<p>The Control Committee found that Mr. Mernor's behaviour towards Mr. McLaughlin on the night in question was improper and in the circumstances imposed a fine of €500 on Mr. Mernor.</p>
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October, 2020.