

GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

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| TRAINER | <i>Mr. Neilus O'Connell</i> |
| ADDRESS | Hillcrest, Ballysheedy, Co. Limerick. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adverse analytical findings – Sotalol– returned from a urine samples obtained from the greyhounds Kilcolgan Witney at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 8th of March 2025 & on the 11th of April 2025 (Resample) and Kilcolgan Mick at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 12th of April 2025. |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Neilus O'Connell licenced trainer of the greyhounds Kilcolgan Witney and Kilcolgan Mick 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 noted the detailed and substantial evidence given by licenced trainer Mr. Neilus O'Connell in relation to what he believed caused the adverse analytical findings.</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. It was here that it was noted that the substance, Sotalol, found in the sample is a beta-blocker. It is a substance that is used for blood-pressure or a heart condition and would not be the type of drug that would be administered to a greyhound competing in a final of an oaks in the case of Kilcolgan Witney as it would have the effect of slowing down the greyhound which would be seen as counter-productive for a greyhound racing in a final.</p> <p>The Greyhound Racing Control Committee additionally heard evidence regarding the low estimated screening</p> |

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| | <p>levels for the substance Sotalol in the urine samples in question.</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>Taking all the circumstances into account the Greyhound Racing Control Committee did not impose a sanction payment on Mr. Neilus O'Connell as the Committee accepted the substance was not purposely administered by Mr. O'Connell and that it may have innocently happened in some form of contamination. The Committee did warn Mr. O'Connell to be very careful and cautioned him to his future conduct going forward.</p> |
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| OWNER | <i>Mr. Gerald Moore</i> |
| ADDRESS | 46 Sloan Street, Lurgan, Craigavon, Co. Armagh, Northern Ireland. |
| MATTER | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adverse analytical finding – Piroxicam – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Missy Emma at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 8th of February 2025 and on the 27th March 2025 (Resample). |
| OUTCOME | <p>Mr. Gerald Moore registered owner of the greyhound Missy Emma 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 noted the evidence given by Mr. Gerald Moore in which he stated that he uses the substance Piroxicam 0.5% gel on himself for his knees and ankles and by not washing his hands he must have contaminated the greyhounds feed or inadvertently contaminated the greyhound.</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, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.</p> <p>Taking all the circumstances into account the Greyhound Racing Control Committee did not impose a sanction payment on Mr. Gerald Moore as the Committee accepted the substance was not purposely administered by Mr. Moore and that it may have innocently happened in some form of contamination. The Committee did warn Mr. Moore to be very careful and cautioned him to his future conduct going forward.</p> |

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