

TRNT Stewards Report – Thursday 23th November 2023

Panel: D Hensler (Chairman), P Carrol
Venue: Darwin Turf Club Stewards' Room

Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings of the blood samples collected from BLUEANT prior to competing in and finishing fifth at the Darwin Turf Club race meeting on 2 September, 2023. The certificates of analysis for the pre race blood sample detected the presence of fluticasone propionate.

The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) issued the first certificate for these findings and the confirmation analysis was performed, and the second certificate issued by Racing Analytical Services (RASL).

Evidence was considered from trainer Mr Tom Logan, ARFL General Manager Mr J Keledjian, veterinarian Dr J Farebrother and RWWA Industry Veterinarian Dr Judith Medd.

Subsequently, Mr Logan pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2)

The specifics of the charge being:

- He is a thoroughbred trainer licensed by TRNT
- At the relevant time he was the licensed trainer of BLUEANT
- On 2 September, 2023 BLUEANT was brought to the Darwin Turf Club race meeting held at Fannie Bay racecourse for the purpose of participating in race 1, the SBA Office National TROBIS Handicap over 1300m.
- Upon analysis, a prohibited substance was detected in the pre race blood samples collected from BLUEANT, that substance being fluticasone propionate.
- Fluticasone propionate is a prohibited substance within Part 2, Division 1 – Prohibited List B of the Australian Rules of Racing.

Acting under the provisions of AR240(1), the Stewards disqualified BLUEANT from the abovementioned race and the results will be amended accordingly with commensurate implications to stake money and TROBIS bonuses.

In determining penalty, Stewards took into account the following:

- The seriousness of the offence
- The nature of the prohibited List B substance being a therapeutic and that the product containing the substance was prescribed by a veterinarian
- The low detected level and veterinary evidence indicating that in all likelihood an administration had occurred within the prescribed withholding period recommended
- The administrations of this product were not recorded in the stable treatment records
- Guilty plea, co-operation and personal circumstances
- Disciplinary record over 3 years whilst licensed as a trainer
- Previous penalty precedents relating to Prohibited List B substances
- Penalties are required to reflect a deterrent factor – both general and specific

A fine of \$4000 was imposed.

Mr Logan further pleaded guilty under AR 104(1) with the specifics being that he did fail to record that a prescription medication was administered by way of metered dose inhaler to BLUEANT in the lead up to racing at the Darwin Turf Club on Saturday 2 September, 2023.

For this breach, he was fined the sum of \$1000.

Mr Logan was advised of his rights of appeal and that the fines must be paid within 3 months.

Australian Rules of Racing referred to in this report:

Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse

AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting

(1) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.

(2) Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches these Australian Rules.

AR 104 Trainers must keep treatment records

(1) A trainer must record any medication or treatment administered to any horse in the trainer's care by midnight on the day in which the administration was given.