

GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

TRAINER	<i>Mr Vincent McKenna</i>
ADDRESS	Main Street, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary
MATTER	• Adverse analytical findings – Cyclizine– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Obelisk at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 31st of March 2026.
OUTCOME	Mr. Vincent McKenna licenced trainer of the greyhound Obelisk was in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter. 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. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Vincent McKenna at the hearing in relation to what caused the adverse analytical finding that being the greyhound was treated with a substance that contained Cyclizine prescribed by the vet following the greyhound having his tonsils removed. He was treated with this sedative for five days after the operation to allow the greyhound to recuperate in a calm manner as the greyhound can be very hyper. The greyhound returned to racing on the 31st of March 2026, eleven days after the operation. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the completed Investigation Report Form where Mr. McKenna said he was not challenging the sampling process, dispatch of the sample or the laboratory findings. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that Mr. McKenna attended the hearing and cooperated in a very honest and forthright way. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €200 on Mr. Vincent McKenna and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann

TRAINER	<i>Mr. Derek Kehoe</i>
ADDRESS	Derryvilla, New Birmingham, Thurles, Co. Tipperary
MATTER	• Adverse analytical finding – Flunixin – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Slaneyside Champ at the registered premises of Mr. Derek Kehoe, Derryvilla, New Birmingham, Thurles, Co. Tipperary on the 20th of May 2026.
OUTCOME	Mr. Derek Kehoe licenced trainer of the greyhound Slaneyside Champ was in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter. 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. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that Mr. Kehoe did not dispute any of the facts and that he attended the hearing in a very honest and forthright way. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that Mr. Kehoe did not complete the Investigation Report Form but at the hearing said that the feeding of Category 2 meat to the greyhound Slaneyside Champ was the likely reason for the adverse analytical finding. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee accepted that flunixin was found in the greyhound Slaneyside Champ and that the feeding of Category 2 meat would not form an excuse for an adverse analytical finding even if it was the likely source of Flunixin. 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. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee having considered all the evidence and taking all the circumstances into account, imposed a sanction payment of €250 on Mr. Derek Kehoe and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.

TRAINER	<i>Mr. Roy Ruddy</i>
ADDRESS	23 Drumaspil Road, Dungannon, Co. Tyrone.
MATTER	• Adverse analytical findings – Piroxicam– returned from a urine samples obtained from the greyhounds Drumcrow Gino at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 5th of June 2026 and Drumcrow Lemon at Shelbourne Park Greyhound Stadium on the 13th of June 2025
OUTCOME	Mr. Roy Ruddy licenced trainer of the greyhounds was not in attendance. Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted Mr. Ruddy had advised he was not able to attend the meeting. However, Mr. Ruddy gave his consent for the Greyhound Racing Control Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that Mr. Ruddy did give evidence through an Investigation Report Form which stated that the greyhound Drumcrow Gino was being treated with DMSO for a stiff shoulder and that a member of the kennel staff was using Piroxicam for their own use but must have transferred a small amount to the greyhound Drumcrow Gino inadvertently through grooming. In relation to Drumcrow Lemon it was stated that the greyhound shares a kennel with Drumcow Gino and was also groomed by the same person with the same brushes. 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. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee, having considered all the evidence in this matter was satisfied that case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven. Taking all the circumstances into account, the Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 in respect to each adverse analytical finding totalling €200 on Mr. Roy Ruddy and awarded costs of €150 in respect to each adverse analytical finding totalling €300 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.

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