## GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNER	Mr. John O'Sullivan
ADDRESS	1 Knockbrogan Park, Bandon, Co. Cork
MATTER	Adverse analytical finding – Caffeine – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Knockbrogan Hill at Cork Greyhound Stadium.
OUTCOME	Mr. John O'Sullivan, registered owner of the greyhound Knockbrogan Hill 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. John O'Sullivan had advised he was not able to attend the meeting. However, Mr. O'Sullivan gave his consent for the Greyhound Racing Control Committee to deal with this matter in his absence.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given in a statement obtained from Mr. John O'Sullivan where he confirmed that he gave the greyhound Knockbrogan Hill a half a cup of strong tea at approximately 4pm on the day of the race.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee also heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, 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 the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that while Mr. O'Sullivan was not present at the hearing they

accepted his circumstances and took note of the various statements. Taking all the circumstances into account the Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €50 on Mr. John O'Sullivan.

OWNER	The-P-And-A-Coffey-Syndicate c/o Mr. Patrick Coffey
ADDRESS	Carrigmore, Doon, Co. Limerick
MATTER	Adverse analytical finding – Flunixin – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Carrigmore Dante at Limerick Greyhound Stadium.
OUTCOME	Mr. Patrick Coffey and Ms. Aoife Coffey members of the P-And-A-Coffey-Syndicate registered owner of the greyhound Carrigmore Dante were in attendance.
	Mr. Pat Herbert, Director of Regulation, Rásaíocht Con Éireann, represented Rásaíocht Con Éireann in this matter.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Patrick Coffey and Ms. Aoife Coffey in relation to how they feed their racing greyhounds Category 3 factory meat for human consumption as recommended by Rásaíocht Con Éireann but which comes with a low risk of contamination but not zero risk.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement of the sample, 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 the case presented by Rásaíocht Con Éireann was proven.
	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that the substance found was at a low level and that the owners fed their pups, saplings, broods and retirees Category 2 meat but fed their racing greyhounds Category 3 meat which is the lesser risk category of meat which suggested that the administration occurred unknowingly or inadvertently. The Committee accepted this fact based on the testing carried out on Carrigmore Dante on numerous occasions within a short period.

The Greyhound Racing Control Committee were satisfied that the positive sample returned from the greyhound Carrigmore Dante was not deliberate or intentional.

The Greyhound Racing Control Committee imposed a sanction payment of €100 on Mr. Patrick Coffey.

## **April 2025.**