

GREYHOUND RACING CONTROL COMMITTEE REPORT

OWNERS	<i>Mr Sean Hayes & Mr Liam Hayes</i>
ADDRESS	Dromin House, Ballybrown, Clarina, Co. Limerick. Ballynoe, Caher Road, Mungret, Co. Limerick.
MATTER	• Adverse analytical findings – Clenbuterol– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Itsnotanoption at Limerick Greyhound Stadium on the 5th of December 2025.
OUTCOME	Mr. Sean Hayes joint registered owner of the greyhound Itsnotanoption was in attendance. Mr. Liam Hayes joint registered owner of the greyhound Itsnotanoption 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 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. Sean Hayes at the hearing in relation to what he thought might be the cause of the adverse analytical finding and that being the use of category 2 meat and the Committee accepted this inadvertent reason for the adverse analytical finding. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the completed Investigation Report Form with additional evidence where Mr. Sean Hayes said he was not challenging the sampling process, dispatch of the sample or the laboratory findings while also giving the Committee context of his involvement in the sport and

	his commitment to the welfare of animals while also noting how he cooperated from the very beginning. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted that Mr. Hayes 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 €250 on Mr. Sean Hayes & Mr. Liam Hayes and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann
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TRAINER	<i>Mr. Paul Matthews</i>
ADDRESS	9 Carrivekeeney Road, Newry, Co. Down
MATTER	• Adverse analytical finding – Flunixin – returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound Cobra Cadet at Dundalk Greyhound Stadium on the 6th of December 2025.
OUTCOME	Mr. Paul Matthews licenced trainer of the greyhound Cobra Cadet 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. Matthews did not dispute any of the facts and that he attended the hearing in a very honest and forthright way but that he had no idea how the substance came to be in the greyhound. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the evidence given by Mr. Paul Matthews on the Investigation Report Form. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee accepted that flunixin was found in the greyhound Cobra Cadet but were unable to determine how the substance got into the greyhound and the source of the positive sample remained undetermined 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 €100 on Mr. Paul Matthews and awarded costs of €250 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.

OWNERS	<i>Mr. Brian Maguire & Mr. John J. McManus</i>
ADDRESS	152 Drumshancorick Road, Follom Big, Co. Fermanagh 11 O'Neill Park, Clones Co. Monaghan.
MATTER	• Adverse analytical findings – Chlorpromazine Sulphoxide– returned from a urine sample obtained from the greyhound El Nido at Lifford Greyhound Stadium on the 19th of October 2025.
OUTCOME	Mr. Brian Maguire joint registered owner of the greyhound El Nido was not in attendance. Mr. John J. McManus joint registered owner of the greyhound El Nido 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. Brian Maguire had advised he was not able to attend the meeting and Mr. McManus was currently out of the country. However, Mr. Maguire gave his consent for the Greyhound Racing Control Committee to deal with this matter in his absence. The Greyhound Racing Control Committee heard evidence in relation to the procurement and dispatch 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 took particular notice and were extremely disappointed that neither Mr. Maguire or Mr. McManus attended the hearing and submitted no evidence as to how the substance was in the greyhound by way of the investigation report form.

	The Greyhound Racing Control Committee noted the serious nefarious nature of the substance and the effect it would have had 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 €1,000 on Mr. Brian Maguire and Mr. John J. McManus and awarded costs of €500 in favour of Rásaíocht Con Éireann.
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