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From: Chairman of Stewards

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SUBJECT: POSITIVE SWAB – TONNELI BALE

Stewards completed an inquiry on 3 October 2011, into the circumstances relating to the obtaining of the positive urine sample from the greyhound TONNELI BALE at the Darwin Greyhound Association meeting held at Winnellie Park on Monday 25 July 2011.

Mr. Graeme Bate was charged with a breach of the Greyhound Australasia's Rule R83 (2) which reads:

R83 Racing greyhound to be free of prohibited substances

- (2) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound-
 - (a) nominated to compete in an Event;
 - (b) presented for a satisfactory, weight or whelping trial or such other trial as provided for pursuant to these Rules; or
 - (c) presented for any test or examination for the purpose of a period of incapacitation or prohibition being varied or revoked shall present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance.
- (3) The owner, trainer or person in charge of a greyhound presented contrary to sub-rule (2) shall be guilty of an offence.

Mr. Bate pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Stewards after considering all evidence submitted found Mr. Bate guilty of the charge. Mr Bate was fined \$1,000.

Stewards acting under rule R83(4) disqualified TONNELI BALE from running first in the Event and subsequently disqualified TONNELI BALE in accordance with R83(5)(b) from the final of the Darwin Cup conducted at Winnellie Park on 29th July 2011 and amended the placings of both Events accordingly.

Mr. Bate was read his rights of appeal, and immediately lodged an appeal.

Eddie Berry
Chairman of Stewards