



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF ALTRENOGEST IN THE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM PIPP'S PRIDE FOLLOWING THE GELDING WINNING RACE 8 – TAB.COM.AU KAYUGA CUP 1450M AT MUSWELLBOOK ON TUESDAY 23 OCTOBER 2018.

Muswellbrook Stewards Room

Friday 18 January 2019

Muswellbrook Racecourse

Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman)

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An inquiry was conducted today into the detection by the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) and Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) of the prohibited substance Altrenogest in a post-race urine sample taken from the Stephen Gleeson trained Pippi's Pride, following the gelding winning Race 8 – Tab.com.au Kayuga Cup 1450m at Muswellbrook on Tuesday 23 October 2018.

Evidence today was taken from the trainer of Pippi's Pride, Mr Stephen Gleeson, Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian Dr T Keonig and Dr A Cawley, Science Manager ARFL. Mr Gleeson as manager owner of Pippi's Pride represented the interests of the owners of Pippi's Pride.

Altrenogest is the active ingredient in a number of registered prescription animal remedies used to regulate the cyclic activity of fillies and mares.

Mr Gleeson was found guilty to the charge under AR 178 in that, he as the trainer of Pippi's Pride, at all relevant times leading up to and including 23/10/18 did present that gelding to race at Muswellbrook in Race 8 – Tab.com.au Kayuga Cup 1450m on 23 October 2018, and a subsequent urine sample taken from Pippi's Pride after it won this event was found to contain the prohibited substance Altrenogest.

In all the circumstances comfortable satisfaction was reached, that there was sufficient evidence to suggest that the likely route of exposure/administration was by way of inadvertent contamination.

After considering Mr Gleeson's submissions on penalty, he was fined \$4000.

Acting under ARR 177, Pippi's Pride was disqualified from its 1st placing in the race and the placings were amended to read:

1st) Iona Nicconi & The Grandson (dead heat)

3rd) Love None

4th) Steamin'

Mr Gleeson was advised of his rights of appeal.

Relevant Rules:

AR 177. Subject to AR 177C, any horse that has been brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.

AR178 - Subject to AR 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.

S A Cullen

Chairman of Stewards (H&NWRA)