



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF ALTRENOGEST IN THE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM BEMBOKA FOLLOWING THE GELDING WINNING RACE 8 – GIVING BACK TO THE BUSH BENCHMARK 58 HANDICAP 2100M AT TAMWORTH ON FRIDAY 4TH JANUARY 2019.

Dubbo Stewards Room

Wednesday 27th March 2019

Dubbo Racecourse

Committee of Stewards: S Cullen (Chairman), T Smith, M Purse, C McIntosh & L Martin (Trainee).

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 Garry Lunn trained Bemboka, following the gelding winning Race 8 – Giving back to the bush Benchmark 58 Handicap 2100m at Tamworth on Friday 4th January 2019.

Evidence today was taken from the trainer of Bemboka, Mr Garry Lunn, Part Owner Mr Wayne Lunn and Mr J Keledjian, General Manager ARFL.

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

Mr Lunn pleaded guilty to the charge under AR 240 (2) in that, he as the trainer and the person in charge of Bemboka, at all relevant times leading up to and including 4/1/19 did present that gelding to race at Tamworth in Race 8 – Giving Back to the bush Benchmark 58 Handicap 2100m on 4th January 2019, and a subsequent urine sample taken from Bemboka after it won this event was found to contain the prohibited substance Altrenogest.

After considering Mr Lunn's submissions on penalty, he was fined \$5000.

Acting under AR 240 (1), Bemboka was disqualified from its 1st placing in the race and the placings were amended to read:

1st) Lonely Orphan

2nd) Whakatane

3rd) Seize Them All

Mr Lunn was advised of his rights of appeal.

Relevant Rules:

AR 240 (1). Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/ or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the horse must be disqualified from any race, in which it started on that day.

AR240 (2) - Subject to subrule (3), if a horse is brought to a racecourse for the purpose of participating in a race and a prohibited substance on Prohibited List A and/ or Prohibited List B is detected in a sample taken from the horse prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of the horse at any relevant time breaches the Australian rules.

S A Cullen

Chairman of Stewards (H&NWRA)