



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF ALTRENOGEST IN THE URINE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM VOYAGES FOLLOWING THE GELDING WINNING RACE 3 – MUSWELLBROOK CUP DAY 29<sup>TH</sup> MARCH MAIDEN HANDICAP, AT MUSWELLBROOK SUNDAY NOVEMBER 4 2018.

Muswellbrook Stewards Room

Friday 18 January 2019

Muswellbrook Racecourse

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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 Voyages, following the gelding winning Race 3 – Muswellbrook Cup Day 29<sup>th</sup> March Maiden Handicap 1500m at Muswellbrook on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Evidence today was taken from the trainer of Voyages, Mr Stephen Gleeson, Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian Dr T Keonig and Dr A Cawley, Science Manager ARFL. Mr J Gleeson, part owner of Voyages represented the interests of the owners of Voyages.

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 Voyages, at all relevant times leading up to and including 4/11/18 did present that gelding to race at Muswellbrook in Race 3 – Muswellbrook Cup Day 29<sup>th</sup> March Maiden Handicap 1500m on 4<sup>th</sup> November 2018, and a subsequent urine sample taken from Voyages 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, and the fact that Mr Gleeson had not been alerted that a urine sample taken 23/10/18 from another of his runners contained Altrenogest, he was fined \$4000.

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

1st) Jazzland

2nd) Onemore Prince

3rd) Crowd Surfer

4th) Gannett Peak

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)