

MR CHRIS FRISBY- INQUIRY CONDUCTED

OCTOBER 23, 2023

Harness Racing New South Wales (HRNSW) Stewards conducted an Inquiry today in relation to a report from the Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory that Levamisole was detected in the post-race urine sample taken from the horse UNCLE CRAIGO following its win in race 1, the AMBOS STOCKFEEDS MAIDEN PACE (2100 metres) conducted at Young on Sunday 28 November 2021.

The reserve portion and control solution were confirmed by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL) in Victoria.

Licensed Trainer Mr Chris Frisby was present and provided evidence to the Inquiry. In addition, the Certificates of Analysis and evidence from HRNSW Regulatory Veterinarian Dr Martin Wainscott were presented to the Inquiry.

Evidence was presented to the Inquiry by Mr Frisby regarding the use of sheep worming drenches on his registered training property that contained levamisole.

Mr Frisby pleaded guilty to a charge issued by HRNSW Stewards pursuant to Australian Harness Racing Rule (AHRR) 190 (1), (2) & (4) as follows:

AHRR 190. (1) A horse shall be presented for a race free of prohibited substances.

(2) If a horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub rule (1) the trainer of the horse is guilty of an offence.

(3) If a person is left in charge of a horse and the horse is presented for a race otherwise than in accordance with sub rule (1), the trainer of the horse and the person left in charge is each guilty of an offence.

(4) An offence under sub rule (2) or sub rule (3) is committed regardless of the circumstances in which the prohibited substance came to be present in or on the horse.

Mr Frisby was disqualified for a period of 8 months to commence immediately.

In considering penalty Stewards were mindful of the following:

- Mr Frisby's personal and financial subjectives;
- The circumstances of this matter;
- Serious nature of the substance;
- Class 2 Prohibited Substance;
- Mr Frisby's guilty plea;
- Mr Frisby's involvement as a trainer/driver and sponsor in the harness racing industry;
- Mr Frisby's prohibited substance offence record.

Acting under the provisions of AHRR 195, UNCLE CRAIGO was disqualified from the abovementioned race.

Mr Frisby was advised of his right to Appeal these decisions of the HRNSW Stewards.

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