



TRNT Stewards Report – Tuesday 31st January, 2017

Panel: D Hensler, L Twomey, R Hamilton, A Napier

Venue: Darwin Turf Club Stewards Room

The TRNT Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings that the blood samples taken from NEAT FEAT after competing and winning at the Darwin Turf Club on 17 December, 2016 contained the presence of the prohibited substance triamcinolone acetonide.

The Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) issued a first certificate for this finding and the confirmation analysis was performed and the second certificate was issued by Racing Analytical Services Limited (RASL). Present at the inquiry was the gelding's trainer Mr Gary Clarke, his foreperson Mrs S Clarke and veterinarian Dr J Farebrother. Evidence was also presented by Racing NSW senior veterinarian Dr C Suann and ARFL Science Manager Dr A Cawley via teleconference.

Subsequently Mr Clarke pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 178 with the specifics being that as the trainer of NEAT FEAT he did bring that gelding to the Darwin Turf Club meeting held at the Fannie Bay racecourse on 17 December, 2016 for the purpose of engaging in race 5 the Merry Christmas from Darwin Racing Benchmark 76 Handicap (1100m) with the prohibited substance triamcinolone acetonide being detected in the post-race blood sample taken from the gelding.

In consideration of a penalty, Stewards took into account the following factors:

- The seriousness of the charge
- The therapeutic nature of the prohibited substance
- The circumstances of the intra-articular administration of treatment which was performed by his stable veterinarian
- Mr Clarke and his staff's co-operation during the investigation and inquiry
- His guilty plea and personal circumstances
- His previous record in relation AR178

Mr Clarke was fined the sum of \$8000.

Acting under the provisions of Australian Rule of Racing 177, the Stewards disqualified NEAT FEAT from race 5 on 17 December, 2016 and the placings were amended as follows:

1st	KAYNO	K Petrick	(F Bergstrand)
2nd	CELEBRAKTI	G Clarke	(K Brooks)
3rd	I'M A SOLDIER	G Lefoe	(M Tyndall)

Mr Clarke was advised of his right of appeal against this decision to be lodged within (7) days with the Independent Appeals Tribunal.

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards