



## TRNT Stewards Report – Friday 29 January, 2021

Panel: D Hensler, D Westover, R Hamilton

Venue: Alice Springs Stewards Room

The TRNT Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings that the pre race blood sample taken from ALVIN PURPLE prior to competing and winning at the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020, contained the presence of the prohibited substance xylazine.

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 the Racing Science Centre (QRIC). Evidence was tendered by trainer Ms Jess Gleeson, her stable veterinarian Dr Ken Oliver, RWWA Racing Industry veterinarian Dr J Medd and ARFL Science Manager Dr A Cawley.

Subsequently Ms Gleeson was found guilty of a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 240(2) with the specifics being that as the trainer of ALVIN PURPLE she did bring that gelding to the Alice Springs Turf Club race meeting held at Pioneer Park racecourse on 7 November 2020 for the purpose of participating in race 3, the Ladbrokes – Back Yourself 0 – 64 Handicap run over 1100m, with the prohibited substance xylazine being detected in the pre race blood sample taken from the gelding. Xylazine is included under Schedule 1, List B of prohibited substances under the Rules of Racing.

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

- The seriousness of the charge and her plea
- The therapeutic nature of the prohibited substance and the low level detected
- Level of experience as a trainer and personal circumstances

Ms Gleeson was fined the sum of \$7000

Acting under the provisions of Australian Rule of Racing 240(1), the Stewards disqualified ALVIN PURPLE from winning race 3 on 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 and the placings were amended.

Ms Gleeson was advised of her rights of appeal and that the fine must be paid within 6 months.

Australian Rules of Racing referred to in this report:

***Division 2 – Prohibited substance in a sample taken from a horse***

***AR 240 Prohibited substance in sample taken from horse at race meeting***

*(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.*

*(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 these Australian Rules.*