



TRNT Stewards Report – Sunday 1st January, 2017

Panel: D Hensler, D Westover Venue: Alice Springs Stewards Room

The TRNT Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analyst's findings that the blood samples taken from HEART OF RED after competing and winning at the Alice Springs Turf Club on 12 November, 2016 contained the presence of the prohibited substance flunixin.

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). Evidence was tendered by the gelding's trainer Mrs Leanne Gillett and written documentation was presented by RWWA Industry Veterinarian Dr J Medd and ARFL Science Manager Dr A Cawley.

Subsequently Mrs Gillett pleaded guilty to a charge under Australian Rule of Racing 178 with the specifics being that as the trainer of HEART OF RED she did bring that gelding to the Alice Springs Turf Club meeting held at Pioneer Racecourse on 12 November, 2016 for the purpose of engaging in race 3 the Fisher & Paykel Refrigeration Handicap (1100m) with the prohibited substance flunixin 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
- Mrs Gillett's co operation during the investigation and inquiry
- Her guilty plea and personal circumstances
- Her previous breach of AR178 in 2007

Mrs Gillett was fined the sum of \$7000.

Acting under the provisions of Australian Rule of Racing 177, the Stewards disqualified HEART OF RED from race 3 on 12 November, 2016 and the placings were amended as follows:

1st	VAN PERSIE	L Lefoe	(M Tyndall)
2nd	BONSAI BOY	K Lamprecht	(F Bergstrand)
3rd	GAMORA	M Nyhan	(J Bates)

David Hensler
TRNT Chairman of Stewards