

Stewards Decision

Tasracing Integrity Unit

and

Leon Brazendale

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| Date of Decision | 17 June 2026 |
| Decision Makers | J Lincoln (Chair), A Hyde, J Marsh |
| Present | Mr Leon Brazendale, Mr Jamie Brazendale and Mrs Allison Brazendale |
| Rule | <i>GAR 141(1)(a)</i> |
| Charge | The owner, trainer or other person in charge of a greyhound: (a) nominated to compete in an Event; must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substance |
| Prohibited Substance | Tranexamic Acid and Gabapentin |
| Plea | Guilty |
| Penalty | \$2000 (\$1500 suspended for 24 months pending no further breach of the Rules of greyhound racing regarding prohibited substances) |
| Summary of Facts | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mr. Brazendale was at all relevant times a Tasracing Licensed Greyhound trainer and a person bound by the Greyhound Australasia Rules and was the trainer of the greyhound GRAPEFRUIT EXPEL2. On Thursday 22 January 2026 at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club meeting, Grapefruit Expel won Race 6 The Sires On Ice Maiden Thousand Heat 4.3. In March 2026 Racing Analytical Services Ltd advised that the post-race sample taken from Grapefruit Expel on Thursday 22 January 2026 was found to contain the prohibited substances Tranexamic Acid and Gabapentin4. On the 12 March 2026 Acting Chief Steward Jason Lincoln attended the property of Mr Brazendale to inform him of the presence of Tranexamic Acid and Gabapentin in a post-race swab taken from Grapefruit Expel on 22 January 2026. |

5. Mr. Brazendale informed Mr. Lincoln that one of their Greyhounds named “Bun Uncle”, had suffered a fractured ulna and radius injury at Hobart Greyhound Racing Club on 9 January 2026. Bun Uncle required veterinary services and was prescribed medication for the injury and that medication included the prohibited substances contained in the sample taken from Grapefruit Expel. This was verified during inspection of the kennels and treatment records.
6. Mr. Brazendale stated that following surgery, Bun Uncle required strict confinement and reduced movement to support his recovery. Having originally been placed back into his own kennel the decision was made to relocate him into a more suitable kennel. This decision was made with the primary focus on injury management and the greyhounds overall welfare. Following Bun Uncles relocation, Grapefruit Expel was placed into that kennel, however the bedding and water bowl was not changed out. Mr Brazendale admitted during questioning that he gave no consideration to the potential cross-contamination risk.
7. At an inquiry on 17 June 2026, Mr. Brazendale tendered evidence to Stewards by way of a written submission to explain the presence of the prohibited substances and to support his assertion that this was an inadvertent, rather than deliberate act.
8. Mr Brazendale pled guilty to a charge under GAR 141(1)(a) Greyhound to be free of prohibited substances – The trainer of a of a greyhound nominated to compete in an event must present the greyhound free of any prohibited substances. The details of that charge being that he was the trainer of GRAPEFRUIT EXPEL on 22 January 2026 and a urine sample taken after his win in Race 6 The Sires On Ice Maiden Thousand Heat 4 at the Hobart Greyhound Racing Club meeting, was found to contain the presence of the prohibited substances tranexamic acid and gabapentin
9. Pursuant to GAR 141(4) Grapefruit Expel will be disqualified from the race conducted 22 January 2026 and the placings for the event will be amended accordingly.

Penalty Discussion

In determining penalty, the Decision Makers carefully considered all available evidence including but not limited to:

- Mr. Brazendale’s guilty plea and co-operation with stewards
- His excellent disciplinary history over an extensive period
- Penalty precedents.
- The objective seriousness of the offence.
- The need to maintain public confidence in the integrity standards of the industry.
- That any penalty should be a deterrent, both general and specific.

Mr. Brazendale was advised of his rights to appeal the Stewards decision.