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Subject: RE: Outcome of Show cause proceedings- Gareth Miggins

Hi Greg,

I can assure you the matter involving Mr Miggins is still ongoing.

We are currently in the process of further investigating a few further things in relation to the matter. We have requested and received a copy of the 'raw' sky footage obtained by the Video Operator at Richmond on the evening, which we are attempting to review further and are further canvassing the CCTV footage of the Kennel Block at Richmond to properly establish the timeline of events.

Essentially our issues at the moment are this:

- Despite the evidence of Norm and yourself that the tail was intact at the time of your examination, CCTV footage of the kennels shows Miggins removing the greyhound from the kennel (with the tail fully strapped) approximately 7 minutes prior to tail being located on the track at the 400m boxes.
- Mr Miggins had no reason to re-enter the track in the approx 7 minute window of opportunity as all of his runners had competed their engagements and no other races were completed during this time
- Stewards would have to accept that in the 7 minute window Mr Miggins removed the greyhounds tail, re-entered the track uninvited and undetected and left the tail in the spot in which it was found
- We must also be mindful that the approx 7 minute window that was available to Mr Miggins was also the last 7 mins prior to the running of the next event at Richmond on the day in question. Now if you factor in normal raceday procedures you would expect that the stir-up would have occurred 3-4 minutes prior to the running event, which would mean other participants would have at least been in the parade yard or parading to the boxes in full view of the 400m boxes for at least the last 3 – 4 minutes of the 7 minutes window.

As you can see there are sufficient hurdles for us to overcome. Off the record, the panel shares your view that Mr Miggins is responsible for this heinous act and should be punished accordingly. We just need to ensure we can satisfy ourselves and any further jurisdiction that will ultimately review our decision that somehow, somewhere Miggins did lop the greyhounds tail.

I hope this satisfies your questions but should you wish to discuss the matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers

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