



INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF MELOXICAM IN A PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM NIKOHLI BEAGLE PRIOR TO THE GELDING STARTING IN RACE 4 – MIDWAY HANDICAP CONDUCTED AT THE KENSINGTON MEETING ON 1 JANUARY 2022

RNSW Offices
Druitt Street, Sydney

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Stewards: M F Van Gestel (Chairman)
S G Railton

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Analysts' findings of meloxicam in a pre-race blood sample taken from Nikohli Beagle prior to the gelding winning Race 4 – Midway Handicap conducted at the Kensington meeting on 1 January 2022.

Evidence was today taken from trainer of Nikohli Beagle, Mr Jarrod Austin, Managing Owner of Nikohli Beagle Mr James Critchley, Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig and ARFL Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley.

Charge

Mr Austin pleaded guilty to a charge under AR240(2) of having presented Nikohli Beagle to race at Kensington meeting on 1 January 2022 and a pre-race blood sample taken from Nikohli Beagle was found to contain the prohibited substance meloxicam.

Penalty

The following matters were considered in respect to penalty.

- Guilty plea
- Low level of meloxicam detected
- Mr Austin's record, having one prior offence under AR240(2).
- Personal and professional circumstances.
- Reasons for issuing penalties for the protection of the sport.

Mr Austin was fined the sum of \$5000.

Nikohli Beagle

In accordance with the provisions of AR240(1), Nikohli Beagle was disqualified from its first placing in Race 4 – Midway Handicap conducted at the Kensington meeting on 1 January 2022 and the placing's amended as follows.

11. Finally Realise	1st
06. Budhwar	2nd
04. He's Super Lucky (NZ)	3rd
07. Key Largo	4th
02. Osamu	5th
08. Hibiscus Lady	6th

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16. Secretively	7th
14. Pindarra's Dream	8th
12. Pick The Score	9th
03. Prince Invincible	10th
01. Henschel	11th
09. Damaged	12th

Relevant Rules

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.

**M F Van Gestel
Chairman of Stewards
General Manager - Integrity**