

# RACING NSW – STEWARDS REPORT



INQUIRY INTO THE DETECTION OF SALICYLIC ACID IN A PRE-RACE BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM VILA TINTO PRIOR TO RACING AT CANTERBURY PARK ON 26 FEBRUARY 2021.

Racing NSW Offices

20 May 2021

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

Racing NSW Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the analysts finding of salicylic acid in a pre-race blood sample taken from Vila Tinto prior to running at the Canterbury Park race meeting on 26 February 2021. Evidence today was taken from Mrs K Waugh, trainer of Vila Tinto, who was assisted by solicitor Mr W Pasterfield, Australian Racing Forensic Laboratory (ARFL) Science Manager Dr Adam Cawley and Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig.

Salicylic acid was detected at the following levels above threshold of 6.5 milligrams per litre in plasma as set by Part 5 of Division 3 of the Prohibited List B Thresholds prescribed by the Australian Rules of Racing.

A Sample	ARFL	18mg/l
B Sample	HKJC	15mg/l

The inquiry was unable to establish the cause of the finding of Salicylic Acid in the sample.

## Charge

Mrs Waugh was charged with the following offence.

**AR240(2)** – Presented Vila Tinto to race at the Canterbury Park race meeting on 26 February 2021 and a pre-race blood sample was found to contain the prohibited substance Salicylic Acid.

## Plea: Guilty

## Penalty

Stewards issued the following penalty having considered the following relevant matters;

1. Guilty Plea
2. Personal and professional circumstances.
3. This was Mrs Waugh's first positive swab offence over many years of training.
4. Principles applied by Stewards when issuing penalties.

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Mrs Waugh was fined the sum of \$4000.

### Vila Tinto

Under the provisions of AR240(1) Stewards disqualified Vila Tinto from its 9th placing in Race 1 – 2yo Maiden Handicap conducted at Canterbury Park on 26 February 2021 and amended the placings to read.

03. Mazu	1st
13. Conrad	2nd
10. Jal Lei	3rd
08. Camino Real	4th
09. In The Blink	5th
05. Vega Prince	6th
02. Fox Fighter	7th
01. Forbes	8th
12. Peaceful Affair	9th
11. Nymph	10th
06. Vila Tinto	DQ

### Relevant Rules

#### **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**