

Stewards' Report

Meeting held at Cannington on Wednesday, 14 February 2024

WEATHER: Fine TRACK: Good KENNEL TEMPERATURE: 18 degrees

TIME KENNELS CLOSED: 7.05pm

Stewards: Mr D McKay, Mr G O'Dea, Mr M Thomas, Mr K Howes

Veterinary Surgeons: Dr B Dobson

Veterinary Assistant: Ms R McSweeney

Lure Driver: Mr M Frampton

STEWARDS ADVICE: All trials tonight were a normal catching pen finish.

The Heat Policy was applied to tonight's race meeting. Several measures were taken to limit and moderate all greyhounds' exposure to these conditions. These included but were not limited to, greyhounds went straight to the starting boxes for all races (no parading), greyhounds did not return to the dais after racing, greyhounds were held in the air-conditioned kennels for at least 20 minutes after competing; under the observation of the O.T.V, greyhounds were not loaded into their transport vehicles until leaving immediately thereafter and ample hydration and cooling practises were implemented both at kennelling time and during the race meeting. No cases of Heat Stress were reported to Stewards or signs of distress, due to the heat, were observed by the O.T.V.

The heat policy was lifted at 9.45pm.

As a result of the heat policy being applied, no pre-race sampling was carried out.

In accordance with the Hot Weather Policy, Stewards declared tonight's race meeting at Cannington to be "Hot Weather Affected", given the forecast temperature of 40 degrees Celsius. As a result kennelling was delayed to commence at 6.20pm with Race 1 scheduled to commence at 7.32pm, Race 2 at 7.47pm, Race 3 at 8.06pm, Race 4 at 8.21pm, Race 5 at 8.36pm, Race 6 at 8.52pm, Race 7 at 9.10pm, Race 8 at 9.27pm, Race 9 at 9.45pm, Race 10 at 10.06pm, Race 11 at 10.27pm and Race 12 at 10.44pm.

Club officials were reminded of their obligations in respect to turning the air conditioning on prior to 9am on race day.

The car park was watered prior to the greyhounds arriving on course to ensure their safety and well being.

During kennelling, Stewards carried out transport and trailer inspections. All were found to be in a satisfactory condition with there being no requirement to issue any directives.

Race 1 - Qualifying Trial/Provincial/380 - Qualifying Trial - 7:15 PM

(380M): AZALEA BLOOMING began quickly.

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