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**RACING SA LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - Trainer Ms J. Stoetzer**

RACING SA OFFICES - TUESDAY 6 APRIL 2021

Stewards: J. Petzer (Chairman), M. Santoro, M. Zarb & G. Rudolph.

On Tuesday 6 April 2021 Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances leading up to the euthanasia of the race horse Tolstoy, a ten year old Bay gelding trained by Licensed Trainer Ms Jaclyn Stoetzer on 24 January 2021.

Stewards heard evidence from Ms Jaclyn Stoetzer, Racing SA Equine Welfare Officer Mr John Cornell, Racing SA Veterinary Surgeon Dr Peter Horridge, Vets on Eyre Veterinary Clinic veterinarian Dr Madeline Wright, co-owner of Tolstoy, and licensed trainer, Mr Ryan Dawson, and Trainer Ms April Cornell. Stewards also considered a written report submitted by Dr Madeline Wright in respect of Tolstoy.

After considering the evidence Stewards laid the following charges against Ms Jaclyn Stoetzer:

Charge 1:

Under AR52(1)(a) - the particulars being that as a licensed trainer and the trainer of the horse Tolstoy she failed to comply with the provisions of this rule to notify Racing Australia within 24 hours of the horse being euthanased by lodging the relevant death notification form prescribed.

Ms Stoetzer pleaded guilty to the charge.

Charge 2:

Under AR231(1)(b)(ii) - the particulars being that as a licensed trainer, and the person in charge of the race horse Tolstoy she failed to take such reasonable steps as are necessary to alleviate any pain suffered by Tolstoy, those reasonable steps being either;

(a) To engage a farrier to attend to the horse's feet, and/or

(b) To engage veterinary advice in respect of appropriate pain relief treatment for the horse;

in the period leading up to 24/1/2021 the day on which the horse became recumbent and moribund and being subsequently euthanased.

Ms Stoetzer pleaded not guilty to the charge but was found guilty of the charge by Stewards.

Charge 3:

Under AR231(1)(b)(iii) - the particulars being that as a licensed trainer, and the person in charge of the race horse Tolstoy she failed to provide veterinary treatment to the horse where such veterinary treatment was necessary for the horse; by her failure to engage a veterinary surgeon to examine and provide treatment to the horse in the period leading up to 24/1/2021 the day on which the horse became recumbent and moribund and being subsequently euthanased.

Ms Stoetzer pleaded not guilty to the charge but was found guilty of the charge by Stewards.

Penalty

Stewards, after considering Ms Stoetzer's personal circumstances, her good record, the seriousness of the breaches in respect of Charges 2 and 3 in particular, and individual and general deterrence, determined and imposed the following penalties;

Charge 1 - A fine of \$500 of which \$250 is wholly suspended for a period of 12 months provided Ms Stoetzer is not found guilty of a breach of that rule in that period.

Charge 2 - A disqualification for a period of six (6) months.

Charge 3 - A disqualification for a period of six (6) months.

Stewards ordered both penalties under charges 2 and 3 to be served concurrently. In determining penalty Stewards considered imposing a period of disqualification of nine (9) months having regard for the seriousness of the breaches and the importance of the care and welfare of thoroughbred horses in the industry, however, having regard for mitigating factors, including Ms Stoetzer's personal circumstances, reduced the periods of disqualification to six (6) months. Stewards ordered the period of disqualification to commence at midnight on 13 April 2021 and to expire on 13 October 2021, after which she may re-apply for her license.

Ms Stoetzer was advised of her right of appeal.

J. Petzer
Chairman of Stewards
6 April 2021