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**RACING SA LIMITED
STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT - Licensed Trainer - Mr. Grant Young**

RACING SA OFFICES - THURSDAY 19 OCTOBER 2023

Stewards: M. Santoro (Chairman), P. Ryan, S. Callanan & H. Matthews.

On Thursday 19 October 2023 Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the conduct of licensed trainer Mr. Grant Young on Wednesday, 26 July 2023 at the Murray Bridge race meeting.

Stewards heard evidence from Mr. Grant Young and also considered surveillance video footage of an incident involving Mr. Young and the racehorse **Sudden Impacts** in the tie-up stalls at the Murray Bridge race course.

During the course of the inquiry Mr. Young advanced that he had used his hand in a striking motion and foot in kicking motion in an attempt to get the horse, which was agitated in the tie-up stall, to respond and settle. Mr. Young also advanced that his actions were only done with very low force. Stewards also considered evidence from Racing SA Chief Veterinary Officer, Dr. Toby Koenig.

After considering the evidence Stewards laid the following charge against Mr. Young;

Charge:

Under AR228(b) - The particulars of the charge being that, as a licensed trainer, on Wednesday 26 July 2023 at the Murray Bridge race course whilst present in the tie-up stalls, he conducted himself in an improper manner by a) making contact with the mare **Sudden Impacts** with his foot in a kicking motion on three occasions, and b) by making contact with the mare **Sudden Impacts** with his hand in a striking motion on two occasions. **Mr. Young pleaded guilty to the charge.**

Penalties:

In determining a penalty in respect of the charge Stewards took into account Mr. Young's guilty plea, his record, his forthright manner at the inquiry and his personal circumstances. Stewards also had regard for the serious nature of the breach, individual and general deterrence, and that any unnecessary and/or improper conduct towards a horse will not be condoned. Stewards also considered the level of force used and that there was no evidence to suggest that the horse sustained any injury in the incident.

Penalty:

Mr. Young was fined the sum of \$1500.

Mr. Young was advised of his right of appeal.

**M. Santoro
Chairman of Stewards
23 October 2023**