

## THOROUGHBRED RACING SA LIMITED

## **STIPENDIARY STEWARDS' REPORT**

## **MORPHETTVILLE OFFICES – THURSDAY, 30 APRIL 2015**

On Thursday, 30 April 2015 Stewards concluded an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the discovery of horse remains at a site in the Mt Magnificent Conservation Park. Evidence was heard from Permit – Trainer, Mr. Trevor Day, and Dr. P. Horridge, the TRSA Industry Veterinarian. Stewards also considered related documentary evidence, including veterinary records provided by Mr. Day, and evidence obtained during the Stewards' investigation into this matter.

After considering the evidence, Mr. Day was charged under AR.175A, the particulars being;

"As a licensed trainer he engaged in conduct which, in the opinion of the Stewards, was prejudicial to the image of racing, in that over a period of approximately 9 years, he disposed of a number of deceased horses at a site situated in the Mt Magnificent Conservation Park, South Australia, all of which were in his care at his property prior to being deceased."

Stewards determined and were able to account for a total of 13 deceased horses being disposed of at the site and were also able to confirm this number included one thoroughbred broodmare, four unidentified horses, one foal (which was born dead), one entire, two thoroughbred mares, two unnamed thoroughbred horses, one named but unraced thoroughbred horse and one ex racehorse.

Mr. Day pleaded guilty to the charge.

In determining penalty, Stewards had regard for, but not limited to, the following:-

- 1. All the deceased horses either died from an injury sustained or from an illness.
- 2. There was no evidence, and Stewards were satisfied, that none of the deceased horses were either ill-treated or subjected to welfare related issues.
- 3. In those cases where euthanasia was required it occurred in accordance with accepted standards.
- 4. Mr. Day's guilty plea, his clean record in this regard and his longstanding involvement in the industry (24 years).
- 5. Mr. Day's cooperation and his frank and honest evidence at the inquiry.
- 6. The seriousness of the offence.
- 7. Individual and general deterrence.

In the circumstances, Stewards imposed the following penalties:-

- 1. That Mr. Day's licence to train be suspended to commence at midnight on 30 April 2015 and to expire at midnight on 31 July 2017, a period of 27 months. In addition, and in accordance with the provisions of AR.183F, Stewards also ordered that during the period of Mr. Day's suspension he may not enter the float car park, stabling area, parade ring or mounting yard at any racecourse and he may not participate in social media or mainstream media in relation to any racing or wagering matter.
- 2. A fine of \$2,500.

Mr. Day was advised of his right of appeal.