

Submission
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**INQUIRY INTO GREYHOUND WELFARE AND
INTEGRITY COMMISSION**

Name: Name suppressed

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To GWIC – GBOTA &

Greyhound Racing NSW

From:

7th November 2018

RE- Entry of a steward on home property

To - Whom It May Concern

On Tuesday 30th October, we had (a Steward) visit, at approx. 12md to do pre race swabs on four greyhounds racing in Lismore, that night. We had in the Lismore Cup final & 3 others in normal races. . This is the first time, we have had this procedure at home & have no issues, regarding it taking place. We were ok, to comply with his requests. One query was, after swabbing the 4 race dogs, he wanted to swab 2 more dogs in the kennels. He immediately chose & . Both dogs have recently returned back home, from , due to injuries, under vet care, on anti- inflammatory meds. Were not nominated for races.

My main concern regarding this visit, is lack of courtesy, shown towards us, as (owners/trainers)

There was no notification, re a steward calling that day. No phone call or contact that morning re a visit, I'm not sure, what would have happened, if there was no one home.

On arrival at property, he did not come to the house, to let us know of his presence or check if we were there.

The time was approx.12.00pm. was fixing the lawnmower near front gate of house yard, and noticed a vehicle coming up the driveway, expecting it to come to the front gate, but it didn't. became concerned, where this vehicle had gone, on getting up from under the mower & looking around, noticed the car in front of the dog shed. called out," Who's there", then the steward showed his head, stated, who he was & why he had called. immediately walked down to kennels, feeling a bit upset, & stated he does not like or allow people around the dogs, especially on race day. I didn't know the steward was there, until called on my mobile & stated what was happening. If both of us had been in the house, the steward could have been there any length of time, without us knowing.

This is a major concern, of being on the property without any arrangements or permission, especially at kennels, in dog shed on race day. We as dog trainers/owners feel under suspicion constantly, by stewards, neighbours, some of the general public, so we feel very suspicious when a stranger shows up, unannounced, especially at our dog shed. Things that have taken place on people's properties over the past few years, has made us very wary & on the lookout for any strangers or incidents.

Another issue, was that (dog in cup race) was in a front kennel near door, so was disturbed by other dogs going outside, wondering what's going on. We would have moved him to the back, so as not to excite him as much & have him jumping up & down off bed platform. We usually like our dogs to be kept quiet on race days.

I feel it would have been more appropriate, if the steward, or someone, had called us that morning, just to let us know of a pending visit.