

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION
DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING

DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS AND
PROFESSIONAL REGULATION,
DIVISION OF PARI-MUTUEL WAGERING,

Petitioner,

v.

Case No. 2017-047319

KATHERINE R. LACASSE,

Respondent.

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ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT

The Department of Business and Professional Regulation, Division of Pari-Mutuel Wagering (“Petitioner” or “Division”) files this Administrative Complaint against Katherine R. Lacasse (“Respondent”) and alleges:

1. Petitioner is the state agency charged with regulating pari-mutuel wagering pursuant to chapter 550, Florida Statutes.
2. At all times material hereto Respondent held a Pari-Mutuel Wagering Professional Individual Occupational License, number 7641364-1021.
3. At all times material hereto Respondent was the trainer of record for the greyhounds located in the Bolton Kennels (“Respondent’s Kennel”) at Sanford Orlando Kennel Club.
4. On September 27, 2017, while waiting for weigh-ins at Sanford Orlando Kennel Club, Respondent was witnessed lifting and jerking a greyhound by its leash and was visibly agitated with the greyhound, which belonged to Respondent’s kennel. Respondent’s actions

caused the greyhound to hit its head on a sharp metal gate clasp and resulted in the greyhound yelping in pain.

5. Section 550.2415(6)(a), Florida Statutes, states that “[i]t is the intent of the legislature that animals that participate in races in this state on which pari-mutuel wagering is conducted and animals that are bred and trained in this state for racing be treated humanely, both on and off the racetracks, throughout the lives of the animals.”

6. Section 550.0251(10), Florida Statutes, states “the division may impose an administrative fine for a violation under this chapter of not more than \$1,000 for each count ... and may suspend or revoke... an occupational license for a violation under this chapter.”

7. Based on the foregoing, Respondent violated Section 550.2415(6)(a), Florida Statutes, by inhumanely treating one of the greyhounds from Respondent’s kennel during weigh-ins on September 27, 2017. Respondent’s violation of Section 550.2415(6), Florida Statutes, subjects her to imposition of an administrative fine of not more than \$1000 pursuant to Section 550.0251(10), Florida Statutes.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests the Division enter an Order imposing an administrative fine and/or any other relief that the Division is authorized to impose pursuant to Section 550.0251, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 550, Florida Statutes, and/or the rules promulgated thereunder.

Signed this 12th day of March, 2018.

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