



STATE OF DELAWARE
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Stewards Ruling 124-2020

Ruling Date: 11/13/2020 Licensee: Abel Castellano DOB: 06/06/1983
Violation Date: 10/8,2020 License Type: Trainer RCI ID: 1407264
Ruling Type/Description: Medication/Drug Violation-Animal
DTRC Rules Cited: 15.3.1, 15.18, 15.20, 15.20.1, 7.3.1 7.3.6, 15.3.2 and 15.19
Fine: \$500 Fine Due Date: 11/16/2020
Suspension: Yes
Suspension Start Date: Suspension End Date:

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Narrative:

Acting on a report from Truesdail Laboratories, Inc. the official testing laboratory for the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, that blood sample 28979 had exceeded the level of detection for "Phenylbutazone" and "Flunixin", a violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.20 and 15.20.1 (ARCI NSAID Stacking Rule), which establishes a threshold at the level of detection in blood. The Stewards at Delaware Park determined that blood sample 28979 was obtained from "Charging Lion", Fourth (4) place finisher of the Second (2) race on October 8, 2020. The trainer of record for "Charging Lion" was Abel Castellano.

Trainer Castellano was notified of the results of the test on "Charging Lion"

Trainer Castellano then waived his right to a split sample and a hearing on 11/13/2020 in the matter and agreed to the penalty established by the Uniform Classification Guidelines for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties as approved by the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission in D.T.R.C. Rule 15.18.

Based on the evidence available to them, the Stewards have determined the following: Abel Castellano was the trainer of record for "Charging Lion" on October 8, 2020 at the time "Phenylbutazone" and "Flunixin" was found in the blood sample provided by "Charging Lion" following the Second race.



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The report from Truesdail Laboratories, the primary laboratory of the D.T.R.C. indicated "Phenylbutazone" and "Flunixin" had been detected in the blood of "Charging Lion".

Pursuant to D.T.R.C. Rule 7.3.1, 7.3.6, 15.3.1 and 15.3.2. A registered Trainer shall bear primary responsibility for the proper care, health, training condition, safety and protection against administration of prohibited drugs or medication of horses in his charge.

The Stewards FIND Mr. Castellano in Violation of D.T.R.C. Rule 15.20 and 15.20.1 for exceeding the level of detection of the limit of "Phenylbutazone" and "Flunixin" in "Charging Lion" in the Second (2) race on October 8, 2020. "Phenylbutazone" and "Flunixin" (ARCI Stacking Rule) is a class "B" drug which has been established by the Uniform Classification Guideline for Foreign Substances and Recommended Penalties Model Rule.

Pursuant to the Guidelines noted above and the rules of the Delaware Thoroughbred Racing Commission, the Stewards hereby ORDER the following:

Trainer Castellano is fined \$500;

Trainer Castellano will be suspended 15 calendar days which will start the first day of the 2021 Delaware Park Race Meet.

"Charging Lion" is disqualified from Fourth place for the purpose of receiving purse money. Owners John D'Amico and Dennis Myers. is ORDERED to return the purse money earned by "Charging Lion" in that race to the Horseman's Bookkeeper, the purse money is to be redistributed as followed:

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| 1. #8 Solar Warming | 4. #7 My Friend Linus |
| 2. #3 Starinthemaking | 5. #4 Brandt |
| 3. #i Tiz Samurai | 6. #5 Wild About Deb |

Under D.T.R.C. Rule 15.19, points are assigned to medication violations and Mr. Castellano is being assigned 2 penalty points for the Phenylbutazone and Flunixin (Stacking Rule) violation.

This ruling does not affect the pari-mutuel payoffs for this race.



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**Failure to pay the assessed fine by the due date may result in a suspension of license.
Monetary fines not paid within the parameters of the official ruling are subject to penalty and
interest charges at the rate of 1.5% per month compounded monthly.**

Eric Coatrieux



Robert Colton



William Troilo