



STATE OF DELAWARE  
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
DELAWARE THOROUGHBRED RACING COMMISSION  
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## Stewards Ruling 164-2021

Ruling Date: 10/15/2021

Licensee: Belinda Manchio

DOB: 04/21/1963

Violation Date: 10/3/2021

License Type: Assistant Trainer

RCI ID: 1967260

Ruling Type/Description: Improper Treatment of An Animal

DTRC Rules Cited: 2.5.1.14, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 3.3 All, 3.4 All, 7.6 and 18.1.3

Fine: \$1000

Fine Due Date: 10/25/2021

Suspension: Yes

Suspension Start Date: 10/20/2021

Suspension End Date: 11/3/2021

### Narrative:

Assistant Trainer Belinda Manchio, DOB: 04/21/1963 RCI ID: 2209515, after appearing before the Board of Stewards at Delaware Park in a hearing on October 15, 2021, to answer to a complaint lodged by a Delaware licensed Veterinarian about the care of a horse named "Food and Wine" Trained by Linda Manchio, her Assistant Trainer is Belinda Manchio. Belinda Manchio "Waived" her right to counsel in this matter The Stewards considered all testimony and evidence in this matter.

### Stewards determined:

On June 2, 2021, Food and Wine was the winner of Race 7, returned sore and was placed on the State Veterinarians List that required a workout and to draw blood to come off the list.

On June 14, 2021, the Practicing Veterinarian performed an Ultrasound on Food and Wine, the Ultrasound reveled a 50% tear in his tendon (Bowed Tendon). The Veterinarian recommended 8 to 12 months off to recover.

Food and Wine was back in training and breezed on August 25, 2021. Owner Jose Luis Rosales contacted the State Veterinarian to schedule a breeze in order for Food and Wine to be removed from the Vets List and be eligible to race. The work was scheduled for October 3, 2021. Food and Wine worked a half mile in 50.60 and pulled up lame. Food and Wine remained on the Vets List.



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Food and Wine was treated in August with Prednisolone Pills and Naquasone Powder.

Owner Jose Luis Rosales ordered the treatment of Naquasone on September 27, 2021, and an injection of Dexamethasone on September 27 and 28, 2021 for Food and Wine days prior to Food and Wines workout.

Stewards determined that the ordered treatment by Mr. Rosales for Food and Wine were to take away any lameness so that Food and Wine could work and be removed from the Vets List to race.

Assistant Trainer Belinda Manchio shall assume the same duties and responsibilities as imposed on a registered Trainer authorized by the Racing Commission, for the proper care, health, training, condition, safety and protection of horses in her charge.



Belinda Manchio did not follow the recommendation of her Practicing Veterinarian for Food and Wine.

The conduct of Assistant Trainer Belinda Manchio does adversely affect the public's confidence in the reputation of Thoroughbred racing in Delaware and is not in the best interest of horse racing.

Assistant Trainer Belinda Manchio is in violation of D.T.R.C. Rules 2.5.1.14, 2.5.1.20, 2.5.1.22, 3.3 All, 3.4 All, 7.6 and 18.1.3.

Assistant Trainer Belinda Manchio is "Suspended" 15 days, October 20, 2021 through and including November 3, 2021, and is fined one thousand dollars (\$1000).

**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