

MEDIA RELEASE

The Trinidad & Tobago Racing Authority (TTRA) hereby informs of decisions taken at its meeting held on Tuesday 19th July 2011 on the under mentioned matters.

1. **ENQUIRY INTO A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN REGARDING THE PHYSICAL ABUSE OF THE HORSE LITTLE ROY**

Having given due consideration to the evidence at the enquiry and that of the Official Veterinarian, Dr. Shivana Beharry; Veterinarian, Dr. Rossi Bridgelal; Groom, Mr. Robbie Fred Gogan; Exercise Lad, Mr. Andy Alvin Solanzano and Trainer, Mr. Maniram Maharaj the Board found as follows:-

Mr. Andy Alvin Solanzano – Exercise Lad

That Mr. Andy Alvin Solanzano – Exercise Lad, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for the cruel treatment of the horse Little Roy and the TTRA in accordance with Rule 7 (4) (q) of the Rules of Racing suspended Mr. Solanzano for a period of one year with immediate effect. During the period of his suspension Mr. Solanzano will be required to attend an Anger Management Course. Upon completion of this Course he is required to submit to the TTRA any report or certificate given to him before he can reapply for any type of licence.

In accordance with Rule 63 (9) of the Rules of Racing, Mr. Solanzano, during the period of his disqualification, will be debarred from entering any racecourse premises here or elsewhere.

Mr. Robbie Fred Gogan - Groom

That Mr. Robbie Fred Gogan – Groom, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for not being truthful with regards to his report on the status of the horse Little Roy and for not reporting the incident to the TTRA. Mr. Gogan was issued with a stern warning and fined Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) to be paid on or before August 19, 2011.

2. **ENQUIRY INTO A REPORT RECEIVED FROM THE OFFICIAL VETERINARIAN REGARDING THE PHYSICAL ABUSE OF THE 2-YEAR-OLD COLT OUT OF THE MARE WHY KI KI.**

Having given due consideration to the evidence at the enquiry and that of Hummingbird Stables Groom, Mr. Olvin Wallace; Unlicenced person, Mr. Anthony Martin; Exercise Lad, Mr. Richard Gift; Trainer, Mr. Bennett P. Nurse; Owner, Mr. Derek Balwant and other witnesses, and after viewing the photos of the abused 2-Year-Old Colt out of the mare Why Ki Ki found as follows:-

Mr. Anthony Martin – An unlicenced person

That Mr. Anthony Martin – An unlicenced person, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for the severe cruel treatment of the 2-Year-Old colt out of the mare Why Ki Ki and the TTRA in accordance with Rule 7 (4) (q) of the Rules of Racing declared him a warned off person for life.

In accordance with Rule 63 (9) of the Rules of Racing, Mr. Martin is debarred from entering any racecourse premises here or elsewhere.

Mr. Richard Gift – Exercise Lad

That Mr. Richard Gift – Exercise Lad, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for the severe cruel treatment of the 2-Year-Old colt out of the mare Why Ki Ki and the TTRA in accordance with Rule 7 (4) (q) of the Rules of Racing declared him a warned off person for life.

In accordance with Rule 63 (9) of the Rules of Racing, Mr. Gift is debarred from entering any racecourse premises here or elsewhere.

Bennett P. Nurse - Trainer

That Mr. Bennett P. Nurse – Trainer, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for employing an unlicensed person, Mr. Anthony Martin. Mr. Nurse was given a stern warning and directed to ensure that there is not a reoccurrence of same in the future.

3. **ENQUIRY INTO THE CIRCUMSTANCES WITH REGARDS TO THE CARE AND UPKEEP AND SUBSEQUENT DEATH OF THE HORSE ONE STEP AHEAD**

Having given due consideration to the evidence at the enquiry and that of the Official Veterinarian, Dr. Shivana Beharry; the Trainee Assistant Official Veterinarian, Dr. Riannon Bridgelalsingh and Groom Mr. Kenny Chan Boodramsingh found as follows:

Mr. Neale Greaves - Trainer

That Mr. Neale Greaves – Trainer, was found guilty of a breach of Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing for gross negligence in the performance of his duties as a Trainer with regards to the care and keep and subsequent death of the horse ONE STEP AHEAD and the TTRA in accordance with Rule 7 (4) (q) of the Rules of Racing warned him off for a period of three (3) months and declared him a disqualified person with effect from August 1, 2011.

In accordance with Rule 69 (3) of the Rules of Racing, Mr. Greaves, during the period of his suspension he will be debarred from entering any restricted area (Stables, Weighing Room, Saddling Enclosure, etc) on racecourse premises here or elsewhere.

The Board also instructed Mr. Greaves to ensure and prove to the Authority that all horses currently under his care are properly signed over to other person/s by July 31st 2011 before his suspension takes effect.

**AVRIL JAMES – JARVIS (MRS)
ACTING ASSISTANT SECRETARY**

July 28, 2011