



## **DECISION**

### **RACING VICTORIA STEWARDS *and* TRENT PENNUTO**

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<b><u>Date of Hearing</u></b>	23 August 2017
<b><u>Panel</u></b>	Judge Bowman (Chair), Josh Bornstein (Deputy), Stephen Curtain.
<b><u>Appearances</u></b>	James Ogilvy appeared on behalf of the RV Stewards. Brad Penno of Counsel appeared on behalf of Mr Pennuto.
<b><u>Charge</u></b>	AR 64G(2)  <i>(2) Any person who, without the permission of the stewards: (a) stomach-tubes a horse, or (b) attempts to stomach-tube a horse; contrary to this rule, commits an offence and may be penalised.</i>
<b><u>Summary</u></b>	At all relevant times, Trent Pennuto was the licensed trainer of <i>Chatober</i> .  On 25 May 2017 at approximately 3.00pm during a race day stable inspection, members of the Compliance Assurance Team arrived to find Mr Pennuto in the process of stomach-tubing the horse <i>Chatober</i> prior to its engagement to run in Race 10 at Moe racecourse at 4.30pm that day.
<b><u>Plea</u></b>	Guilty.
<b><u>Decision</u></b>	Mr Pennuto convicted and disqualified for a period of 6 months, effective immediately. In the event that Mr Pennuto is re-licensed after the period of disqualification, the Board orders that his licence to train be suspended for a period of 3 months.

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