

The Finnish Sighthound Association DOPING regulation

Always follow the valid veterinary anti doping orders from The Finnish Ministry of Agriculture.

A doping test must always be taken, if the vet is suspicious that drugs may have been administered.

The organizer of the race or the Finnish Sighthound Association (SVKL) can when they so want, order a drug test in any race from any dog. Furthermore SVKL can annually give special orders about drug tests to be taken from any individual dog E.g. based on the dogs performance.

The drug test must follow the procedure specified by the laboratory analysing the samples and the vet must observe the drug test with a representative of the organizer.

Refusal to provide a sample for the drug test will be treated as a positive result. The cost of the test are paid by the organiser except in case of a positive test which must be paid by the dog owner.

In the case of doping or in case of ignoring the given time limitations (positive test result), SVKL can annul the results of the dog and order the prizes to be returned to the organiser of the race. Furthermore SVKL can stipulate that the owner of the doped dog to a limited or life long prohibition of competition. Before its decision SVKL can ask for consultation from the anti-doping commission about the doping case. SVKL can inform the Finnish Kennel Club of its decision and the Finnish Kennel Club can take any further action or impose any further penalties that they see fit.

A participating dog may not be given any chemical preparation or medication, which can affect its performance. Normal oral nutrition is excluded.

In the case of a dog due to illness, injury, bad condition or other veterinary ground has been given chemical preparation or medication, that can affect its performance, the time limitation between the treatment and the race is at least 4 days (96 hours). The dog must be fully recovered and in able to compete to the best of the dogs capability.

Hormones from corticoid group and non-steroid-anti-inflammatory preparations (NSAID group = pain killers) the time limitation is 14 days (336 hours) before the race.

Anabolic steroids and androgenic hormones have a limitation time of 30 days (720 hours) before the race.

The dog owner is obliged to inform him/her self about the time limitations and by request inform the vet about the medical treatment the dog has got.

SVKL has the right to complete these regulations following the recommendations of the Veterinary-Anti-Doping-Commission.