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OSAF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR VETERINARY DEPARTMENT PROTOCOL ON RACEDAYS

OSAF's Analysts, Veterinarians and Equine Welfare Committee has written a series of recommendations for the best practice of the Veterinary Service of member racecourses, in order to harmonize the control carried out on the Thoroughbreds before competition, the precautions to take into account for the race, and the after race controls, including all related to sampling for doping control.

We share with the readers of OSAF News such recommendations.

PRE-RACE, UPON THE THOROUGHBRED'S ARRIVAL:

- Homologation of Veterinary Department with ISO Norms 9001-2015
- Thoroughbred's identification through microchip verification
- Weight control, horseshoe and accessories
- Sanitary control: according to each country's particular regulations.

Veterinary check-up:

- Observation of the horse when he walks
- Physical exam (palpating / hooves / checking for heat / inflammation):
- To all Thoroughbreds / only those which note prior particular observations.
- Request for X-Rays / ultrasound exam / private veterinarian's certificate authorizing the upcoming entry to race (whether they had been withdrawn from the previous race or not).

Recommended files:

- Complementary exams requested.
- Thoroughbreds with scars from blistering and/or firings.

**** Some of our allowed accessories:***

- Neck strap
- Tongue tie
- Shadow roll
- Lateral shadow roll
- Blinder
- Hood
- Ear plugs
- Bandaging tape for limbs (natural rubber latex, easy to break)
- Cornell collar

EXHIBITION BOXES (saddling area) AND PROMENADE:

- Veterinary control
- Bandage and tongue tie check

STARTING GATES:

- Intervention of duty upon any accident
- Veterinary checkup upon request of the jockey / starter
- Tongue-tie: veterinary assistance is not recommended, except for taking it off.
- Adjustment of bandages. Reinforcement with paper tape at most.

TRACK:

- Tracking behind during the race, or attending at the scene of the accident.
- Essential equipment:
 - Box with medication and bandages.
 - Splint/s
 - Water supply for managing post-race stress.
 - Equipment for sampling for the control of forbidden substances.
 - Euthanasia protocol: horse sedation and subsequent euthanasia.
 - Sampling for the control of forbidden substances in equine casualties.

Convenient registry:

- On-track injuries

AFTER THE RACE:

- Reception and evaluation of Thoroughbreds by a veterinarian.
- Upon identifying conditions or injuries of any kind, mainly in the musculoskeletal system, besides suspending the horse from racing, a request for supplementary medical studies accompanied by a veterinarian clearance certificate is made.

- Protocol for assistance in case of post-race stress:
 - Water supply available (hoses and buckets)
 - Box with appropriate medication (dexamethasone shock, flunixin, aminophylline, physiological saline solution, methocarbamol, etc.)
 - Neck sweats with cooling gels are recommended for use in the areas of the jugular artery and forehead.

Convenient registry:

- Musculoskeletal injuries, epistaxis, any other type of condition.

SAMPLING:

- Homologation with Quality Standards.
- Identity verification by microchip reading.
- Methods of identifying the horse (collar, color bucket, identification of the collecting vase, etc).
- Urine sample extraction is preferred.
- Footage circuit:
 - Boxes
 - Bottling of samples
 - Outdoors

Security during bottling:

- Crossed control during bottling.

Trazability control during bottling.