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**To:** Gural, Jeffrey  
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Hello Mr Gural,

I would like to congratulate you on your stance and your actions against people like Lou Pena.

I have read your comments and those of Joe Faraldo and others--and feel you are most definitely correct and others fail to see the point.

Lou Pena(or his Vet) injected some horses with up to 5 medications within 24 hours of a race.

He used Factrel--off label-on many occasions--why? What disease process did a gelding have to warrant giving it a drug used to enhance ovulation in cows?

Answer--to produce a small increase in testosterone in geldings designed to make them "feel better" for racing.

In other words--to cheat.

Why did he use so many injections of methocarbamol ,cortisones etc??--none of the horses had any diseases or conditions to warrant these injections.

Along with the Vet Records--the question should be asked--where was the Vets examination of the horses,what reason did he have to administer these drugs??

When a Vet goes to a stable and finds something WRONG with a horse--he treats it with what it needs.

If there are LAWS that have a WITHDRAWAL time for a particular drug--and the Vet knows the horse is racing within that time--he doesn't treat it--or if he has to --the horse is advised to be scratched .

Mr Faraldo to me --sounds like a hired gun speaking on behalf of those that pay him to speak their views.

My son is a Lawyer--and he asks the question--How can any attorney support someone like Pena-when that person has clearly broken the withdrawal rules of medications in his represented State?

I also applaud your views on George Brennan--who perpetrates the idea that its OK to support cheats and even publicly announces his support.

Well done banishing him until he has time to reflect--but I'm afraid Mr Brennan and others like him just do not grasp what is happening.

NY enforces WITHDRAWAL times---perhaps its time for NJ to do the same.

Withdrawal times are there for the protection of the horse.

When SOME Vets and SOME trainers know they can go inside these withdrawal times without drug testing catching them--they will cheat.

This practice should be stopped in my opinion.

Either enforce the withdrawal times or make a rule nothing administered within 48 hours of a race--unless there is an urgent need and Vet records turned into the Judges when that need arises.

HONG KONG has the worlds largest handle--some 70 BILLION\$/year at two tracks.

They have the worlds best drug testing,don't allow any medications WITHIN 7 days!!

You can still treat a horse within that time--but the club has to be advised.

Congratulations Mr Gural--I hope one day to shake your hand as you are truly a wonderful asset to Standardbred Racing and genuinely concerned for its welfare.

Best Regards

Dr Steve Temming