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From: steve temming [stevetemming@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 07, 2012 4:30 PM
To: Gural, Jeffrey
Subject: Re: Emails

Hi Mr Gural,

OK this sounds like an extremely useful assignment for you to have a voice in the senate-which will not only greatly help the horses--but also the betting public-who over the last 50 years have seen some very disturbing death right in front of their eyes.

The only way to wake people up-is what you are doing Mr Gural -you hit the nail on the head--compare us with other racing jurisdictions-and see how we measure up.

Medication is one of the leading causes of horse deaths in the USA and is 4 times higher than in Australia/Hong Kong/Great Britain because of our use of medication pre race.

Dan Hartman, Chair of Racing Commissioners International (RCI), said in March 2011 that a five-year phase out of drugs and medication is reasonable to bring North American racing policies in line with what is going on in other parts of the world like Europe and Hong Kong. Hartman said that a phased approach would give horsemen and owners sufficient time to adjust to the change. Hartman went on to say that he thinks that the regulators are the only voice in North American racing for the horse.^[91] RCI was originally called National Association of State Racing Commissioners and consists of mainly North American regulators whose goal is uniform rules and practices and reciprocity in enforcing each member's official rulings.^[92] Feeling no pain, an injured horse on drugs may continue to charge down the track, endangering every horse and jockey in the race. Drugs may account for the fact that the North American fatality rate on turf is higher than it is in Australia on turf, or even Great Britain (0.38), where race day medications are not allowed.^[93]

Country	Fatal Injury Rate	Fatal Injuries	Starts
AUS	0.44	316	719,695
USA	1.74	134†	77,003

Its time for uniformity amongst the different jurisdictions since medications being used excessively prior to racing in the USA as compared to other countries is blamed for the increased number of horse deaths--its time the USA took a more cautious approach

In Australia and Hong Kong the use of any type of anti inflammatory is used much further out from racing than in USA.

For instance the common antiinflammatory phenylbutazone which is used 24-48 hours prior to racing in most USA racing jurisdictions--is prohibited for 7 days in Europe and Australia prior to racing .

Corticosteroids which have been blamed as the culprit in many horse related breakdowns-are another prime example of being used much closer prior to racing in USA than overseas jurisdictions.

Overseas racing authorities are constantly cross matching testing results and coming to similar regulations.

Hong Kong is widely regarded as having the most current up to date equipment to test for the latest performance enhancing drugs.

For instance the drugs Aranesp and ITTP-which have no business being used in any horse-but rumored to be in use--now can be tested for in Hong Kong with greater accuracy.

It would be wise for USA Regulators to collaborate and do out of Competition testing wherever possible to deter this practice and send samples to Hong Kong.

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On Sat, Jul 7, 2012 at 1:24 PM, Gural, Jeffrey <jgural@newmarkkf.com> wrote:

Any info showing how much more permissive we are compared to other racing jurisdictions would be a help anything also about drug testing in hong kong or elsewhere would help thanks for your help

Sent from my iPad

On Jul 6, 2012, at 1:30 PM, "steve temming" <stevetemming@gmail.com> wrote:

Hi Mr Gural,

I would do anything to help you Mr Gural--however I am not a licensed veterinary surgeon in the USA, and have retired in Australia-so as long as that is not an issue-no problems.

I don't wish to see anyone question your material and make it personal attacking your sources.

If you need anything else let me know--and if I can provide material that can help you--great.

The issue of illegal medication IMHO use in USA--should be compared to how they deal with it in other countries.

I sent you the penalties from Australia-and I can send you withdrawal times for medication over there if you like--they are far stricter than here.

Phenylbutazone is 7 days for example, depomedrol 42 days, no steroids whatsoever,no cortisone injections in joints at least 7 days prior to racing.

They do plenty of out of competition testing-and send a lot of samples to Hong Kong and the UK--where the testing equipment is second to none.

Let me know if you need my help

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