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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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MEDICATION COMMITTEE MEETS AT UC DAVIS

SACRAMENTO, CA – The oversight of medications in horse racing being a principal responsibility of the California Horse Racing Board, the CHRB Medication Committee will hold a public meeting November 28 in Davis for the discussion of policies, procedures, and regulations relating to this mission.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting. Key items of discussion will include:

- Equine injury reporting and prevention measures
- Regulation of anabolic steroids
- Out-of-competition testing
- Emergency preparedness
- Equine Herpes virus (EHV-1) monitoring

The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. in the I.M. Gary Gourley Laboratory on the University of California campus. Immediately afterwards, those in attendance will be encouraged to tour three on-campus laboratories that conduct equine research and provide services to the California horse-racing industry:

- Giannini Equine Athletic Performance Laboratory for the evaluation of drug agents and training methods affecting performance and risks of injury in competitive horses. Guests will observe a racehorse running in full stride on a treadmill.
- J.D. Wheat Orthopedic Research Laboratory for addressing complex problems relating to orthopedic diseases in animals.
- Kenneth Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory, which conducts all primary testing of equine blood and urine samples for the Board. Dr. Scott Stanley will walk the group through the entire analytical process.

“All the time we hear of misperceptions about medication testing, injuries, and other issues,” said CHRB Chairman Richard B. Shapiro, who also chairs the Medication Committee. “This is a rare chance to really understand the science and study of our efforts. I hope many people will avail themselves of this opportunity to better understand our efforts to protect the integrity of the sport and our horses.”

CHRB Vice Chairman John Harris, also a member of the Committee, said it is “essential for all racing participants and fans to recognize the outstanding facilities and bright and hard-working scientists at UCD, who insure a level playing field for horse racing and the overall welfare of our horses. At times I have been disappointed with the lack of basic knowledge on this subject among horsemen. This meeting is an excellent opportunity to correct that deficiency.”

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