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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE: OCT. 12 - 18, 2009

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints filed. The update also includes stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters. All stewards' rulings can be viewed on the CHRB Website (www.chrb.ca.gov) through the Administrative Hearings link.

The stewards at Los Alamitos disqualified Luzoom from a fifth-place finish in the seventh race at Los Alamitos on September 10, 2009, and ordered a redistribution of the purse after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples collected from Luzoom contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision level. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Justin Clark alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (c) (1) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported that a blood sample collected from Saints Topper, a horse in his care, contained phenylbutazone in excess of the allowed dosage. Phenylbutazone is a regulated non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication. Saints Topper finished third in the third race at Los Alamitos on October 4, 2009. The stewards at Los Alamitos have a hearing scheduled October 31.

The CHRB filed a complaint against veterinarian Jeff Blea alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1843.5. According to the complaint, Dr. Blea administered phenylbutazone to the horse Turkish Victory within 24 hours of post time. No medication can be administered within 24 hours of a race except specifically authorized bleeder medication. Phenylbutazone is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication permitted up to 24 hours before post time with a regulated threshold level at race time. The stewards at Santa Anita have a hearing scheduled October 23.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Janet Armstrong alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1865 after the trainer failed to notify racing officials that Push Over was a gelding when he was entered at Santa Anita. The stewards at Santa Anita have a hearing scheduled October 24.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Lance Wilson alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (a), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported a urine sample collected from Quiet Advice, a horse in his care, contained methocarbamol. Methocarbamol is a centrally acting muscle relaxant commonly used in veterinary medicine. This is a Class 4 drug and a Category C penalty. Quiet Advice finished first in the fifth race at Golden Gate on September 25, 2009. The stewards at Golden Gate have a hearing scheduled November 13.

The CHRB filed a complaint against veterinarian Dr. Kristie Brandenburg alleging violations of CHRB Rules 1842, 1843.5, and 1629. The complaint alleges Dr. Brandenburg submitted signed veterinary records (form CHRB 24), as required under CHRB Rule 1842, indicating she had administered Vetalog, a medication prohibited within 48 hours of post time, to seven mules and also had administered phenylbutazone within 24 hours of post time to 11 mules, which led to the required late declaration of 11 mules and the cancelation of the first and second races at Fairplex Park on September 17, 2009. Vetalog is the brand name for triamcinolone, a steroidal (cortisone) anti-inflammatory that cannot be administered within 48 hours of post time. Phenylbutazone is a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication that cannot be administered within 24 hours of post time. Under CHRB rules, no medication can be administered within 48 hours of a race unless specifically authorized by Rule 1843.5 and no medication can be administered within 24 hours of a race except specifically authorized bleeder medication.

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