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CHRB NEWS RELEASE

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WEEKLY UPDATE: NOV. 9 – 15, 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 CHRB filed separate complaints against trainer Guillermo Morales and owner Victor Gonzalez alleging violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e) (9) (f) and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis determined the blood and urine samples collected from The Crunch, a horse trained by Morales and owned by Gonzalez, 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 complaint states that Gonzalez admitted administering the clenbuterol to the horse at his ranch about six days prior to the race. The Crunch finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos on October 24, 2009. The stewards at Los Alamitos have a hearing scheduled December 11 on both complaints.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Kathy Walsh alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (c) after investigators conducted a routine search of her barn at Santa Anita Park on November 3 and found one bottle of “ventipulmin syrup” (clenbuterol) without a proper prescription label. The complaint states that the problem was corrected and the bottle had a proper label the next day. The stewards at Hollywood Park have a hearing scheduled November 28.

The CHRB filed separate complaints against trainer Lisa Van Tassel and owners Leona Jackson and Phillip Campbell alleging violation of CHRB Rule 1876 (Financial Responsibility) concerning a horse that was co-owned by the three licensees. Jackson and Campbell won a small claims judgment against Van Tassel, who in turn claims there is an unpaid training bill. The stewards at Cal Expo have a hearing scheduled November 20.

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