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WEEKLY UPDATE: JULY 18 – 31, 2011

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of all complaints and stewards' rulings involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the CHRB and trainer Rene Amescua, the stewards at the California State Fair fined Amescua \$3,000 and suspended the trainer for 30 days for violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (d) pursuant to CHRB Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the sample collected from Foxy Jade, a horse in his care, contained trenbolone, a prohibited Class 3 substance. Trenbolone is an anabolic steroid approved for use in livestock. Pursuant to the agreement, the stewards stayed 20 days of the suspension and the \$3,000 fine provided Amescua commits no further Class 1, 2, or 3 violations during the term of his one-year probation. Amescua began serving the remaining 10 days of the suspension July 25. Foxy Jade finished third in the fifth race at Golden Gate Fields on November 11, 2010. In an earlier ruling, the stewards at Golden Gate disqualified Foxy Jade from that race and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The California Horse Racing Board, meeting in executive session on July 21, 2011, adopted the proposed decision of a hearing officer to suspend trainer Miguel Rodriguez for 45 days and fine him \$1,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843, 1844 (e) (9), and 1844 (f) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the blood and urine samples from Dash Beduina, a horse in his care, contained clenbuterol in excess of the authorized decision levels. Rodriguez declined a split sample analysis. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Dash Beduina finished first in the ninth race at Los Alamitos in April 1, 2011. In an earlier ruling, the stewards at Los Alamitos disqualified Dash Beduina from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.

The stewards at the California State Fair suspended trainer Wendell McDaniel for 30 days and fined him \$2,000 for violation of CHRB Rule 1843 (a) (d) pursuant to Rule 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis reported the urine sample taken from Tapit So Lightly, a horse in his care, contained albuterol in excess of the authorized decision level. Albuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. McDaniel will begin serving the suspension August 15. Tapit So Lightly finished fourth in the eighth race at Golden Gate on May 29, 2011. In a separate ruling, the stewards disqualified Tapit So Lightly from that race and ordered the redistribution of the purse.