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ALL BREEDERS' CUP TESTS CLEARED

SACRAMENTO, CA – All samples collected from 2014 Breeders' Cup horses have been cleared by the Kenneth L. Maddy Equine Analytical Chemistry Laboratory at UC Davis.

All horses competing in Breeders Cup races October 31 and November 1 at Santa Anita Park underwent pre-race testing for TCO2 levels in blood. Post-race testing was performed for prohibited drugs on the first four finishers in all Breeders' Cup races plus any additional random horses selected by the stewards consistent with CHRB protocol. Post-race testing was done on both blood and urine samples.

Additionally, one-third of all horses pre-entered in the Breeders' Cup were randomly selected for out-of-competition testing. The out-of-competition samples were drawn and analyzed before the races with the cooperation of national and international racing jurisdictions and laboratories. Samples drawn overseas were analyzed in the country where those horses were sampled. All samples from horses stabled in North American were analyzed at the Maddy Laboratory at UC Davis. Dr. Rick Arthur, equine medical director for the CHRB, reported all out-of-competition samples cleared testing prior to the Breeders' Cup.

The Maddy Laboratory's standard protocols look for over 45 anabolic steroids and in excess of a thousand other prohibited drugs and substances. Routine testing in California exceeds recommended testing standards. Effective October 1, the national uniform medication program therapeutic medication thresholds approved by the CHRB became effective, including new restrictions on the use of corticosteroids and other medications. All samples met those new regulations.

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