

AAEP makes \$15K contribution to Safety Alliance

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The National Thoroughbred Racing Association (NTRA) announced today that the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance has received a contribution of \$15,000 from the American Association of Equine Practitioners (AAEP).

"The American Association of Equine Practitioners and its foundation are proud to support the work of the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance in its efforts on behalf of Thoroughbred athletes," said David Foley, Executive Director of the AAEP. "The Alliance's exacting, yet collaborative, approach illustrates the breadth of commitment to safety on the part of the racing industry."

"The AAEP's generous contribution to the Alliance is yet another example of the organization's devotion to the wellbeing of equines everywhere," said Alex Waldrop, President and CEO of the NTRA. "It comes at an especially opportune time as racetrack inspections continue at a rapid pace, and as we draw near to the Alliance's national fundraising days at racetracks across North America during the Labor Day weekend."

The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance national fundraising days, to be held September 5-7, are designed to broaden awareness of, and generate support for, such Alliance initiatives as injury reporting and prevention; creating a safer racing environment; aftercare and transition of retired racehorses; uniform medication, testing and penalties; and safety research. During the weekend, the Alliance will be seeking contributions and pledges from a broad spectrum of industry participants, including racetracks, owners, trainers, jockeys and fans.

In April of this year, at the onset of racetrack inspections, the Alliance received a \$50,000 leadership contribution from Pfizer Animal Health.

The NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance is a standing organization whose purpose is to establish standards and practices to promote safety and integrity in horseracing and to secure their implementation. Information on the Alliance, including the Alliance Code of Standards, can be found at www.NTRAAlliance.com.

The Honorable Tommy G. Thompson, former four-term Governor of Wisconsin and U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, serves as independent monitor of the Alliance.