

Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit III

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WELCOME!

On behalf of The Jockey Club and Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation, I'd like to welcome you to the third Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit.

Whether you are a participant who has taken time out of your busy schedule to be here or simply an interested observer, your attendance indicates your concern for and commitment to improving the welfare and safety of the racehorse.

I also commend the Keeneland Association for once again volunteering to host the summit and, for the first time, video-streaming all of the summit's open sessions on *keeneland.com* so that anyone in the world with an interest in the Thoroughbred can follow along. Like The Jockey Club, Keeneland has a proud history of supporting initiatives aimed at advancing the interests of the Thoroughbred and its supporting industry.

This industry has taken significant strides to improve welfare and safety since the original Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summit was held almost four years ago. The Equine Injury Database, the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, recommendations concerning traction devices on front shoes, and bloodline durability statistics are but a few examples of that progress.

I look forward to the exchange of ideas and information over the next two days and am confident it will yield even more improvements to the safety and welfare of racehorses and their riders.

Thank you once again for being part of the summit.

Edward L. Bowen President, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

Monday, June 28, 2010

8:00 - 8:15 a.m. Welcome

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. History of Past Summits

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Racetrack Surfaces Panel

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Racing Medication and Testing Consortium Update

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance Update

10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Thoroughbred Safety Committee Update

11:00 – 12:15 p.m. Equine Injury Database

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch - Limestone Café

1:00 – 4:00 p.m. Panel Discussions

Racing Equipment and Safety

Racetrack Environment and Safe Training Practices

Transitioning Thoroughbred Racehorses to Second Careers

Tuesday, June 29, 2010

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Implementation Panel

2:00 p.m. Media Briefing



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Keeneland Sales Pavilion
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8:00 - 8:15 a.m. Welcome

Nick Nicholson, President and CEO, Keeneland Association Inc.

8:15 – 9:00 a.m. History of Past Summits

Ed Bowen, President, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

Previous Welfare and Safety of the Racehorse Summits (WSS) provided the impetus to produce the Equine Injury Database, Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory, recommendations on traction devices and hoof care, the uniform national trainer's test with study guide, and Racing Medication and Testing Consortium and Drug Testing Initiative objectives. Additionally, through past collaboration among committee members and industry organizations, safety recommendations from the WSS have been incorporated into several states' rules of racing and industry guidelines, such as the Code of Standards for Accreditation of the NTRA's Safety and Integrity Alliance.

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9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Panel Discussion

Racetrack Surfaces

Moderator: Ed Bowen, President, Grayson-Jockey Club Research Foundation

Panelists:

Irwin Driedger, Director of Thoroughbred Racing Surfaces, Woodbine Ashley Hill, DVM, MPVM, PhD, Assistant Professor, Colorado State University Glen Kozak, Director of Racing Surfaces, New York Racing Association Mick Peterson, BSME, MS, PhD, Professor, University of Maine Sue Stover, DVM, PhD, Diplomate ACVS, University of California, Davis

Since the creation in 2009 of the Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory by Drs. Mick Peterson and Wayne McIlwraith, tests of surface materials have been performed on samples collected from 24 racetracks. In addition to materials testing, the lab also provides two performance tests of the racing surfaces through the use of its biomechanical hoof tester. Designed and developed by Dr. Peterson, the tester makes it possible to analyze the dynamics between the racing surface and the hoof at gallop. The lab is developing a comprehensive database of surfaces and environmental characteristics to provide further insight into the factors affecting racing surfaces in addition to providing maintenance personnel the information needed to assist with track maintenance.

10:00 - 10:15 a.m. Break

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10:15 - 10:30 a.m. Racing Medication and Testing Consortium Update

Scot Waterman, DVM, Executive Director, Racing Medication and Testing Consortium

RMTC continues to be the focal point and advocate for medication and drug testing reform in horse racing. In addition to widespread recognition as the primary driver leading to the elimination of anabolic steroids in racing and training in 2008, RMTC continues to develop and recommend uniform model policies, prohibited practices, disciplinary procedures and penalties regarding the use of medications. Organized in the fall of 2009, the RMTC's Drug Testing Initiative announced a five-part drug testing initiative aimed at developing laboratory and drug testing standards comparable to the World Anti-Doping Agency model.

10:30 - 10:45 a.m. NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance Update

Mike Ziegler, Executive Director, NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance

Since its formation in the fall of 2008, the NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance, through its racetrack accreditation program, has become a powerful agent for implementing broad and comprehensive reforms to improve the safety and integrity of racing. Eighteen racetracks have now been accredited — an extensive process involving collaboration of tracks and regulatory authorities in addition to comprehensive on-site inspections. The alliance challenges and encourages racetracks to focus on methods to improve the health and well-being of its human and equine participants.

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10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Thoroughbred Safety Committee Update

Larry Bramlage, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVS, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital

Created in May 2008, the Thoroughbred Safety Committee is a standing committee of The Jockey Club that was formed to review every facet of equine health and to recommend actions the industry can take to improve the health and safety of Thoroughbreds. The Thoroughbred Safety Committee has provided principal funding for the RMTC's Drug Testing Initiative to develop laboratory standards and accreditation criteria, and it has expanded external quality assurance programs and the frozen sample and retrospective testing program, which are key steps toward significantly improving the structure of drug testing in U.S. horse racing. Through relationships and collaboration with industry groups and stakeholders, the committee has proved to be an effective agent of change to help facilitate (i) the ban on anabolic steroids in racing, (ii) improved riding crop design and use, (iii) elimination of dangerous traction devices on shoes, (iv) adoption of RMTC recommendations prohibiting the use of alkalinizing agents, and (v) expanded participation of the Equine Injury Database by racetracks.

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11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Equine Injury Database

Mary Scollay-Ward, DVM, Equine Medical Director, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Tim Parkin, BSc, BVSc, PhD, Diplomate ECVPH, MRCVS, Research Fellow, University of Glasgow

Launched in July 2008, 86 racetracks representing 86 percent of the flat racing days in North America now participate in the Equine Injury Database. The Equine Injury Database continues to yield further insight into the variables that may contribute to injuries in racehorses.

12:15 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch - Limestone Café

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1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Panel Discussions

Racing Equipment and Safety

Moderator: Mick Peterson, BSME, MS, PhD, Professor, University of Maine

Panelists:

Robert Colton, President, Delaware Park Jockeys Association

Bob Duncan, Consultant

Edward Hall, PhD, Director, Spinal Cord and Brain Injury Research Center, University of Kentucky

Jeff Johnston, Regional Manager, The Jockeys' Guild

Nick Nicholson, President and CEO, Keeneland Association Inc.

Mike Ziegler, Executive Director, NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance

The Racing Surfaces Testing Laboratory provides a clear example of science supporting critical management decisions regarding maintenance and surface materials to improve the safety of horse and rider. In expanding this approach to other mission critical areas of the racetrack including the starting gate and rail, it asks, what can science offer to improve the safety of horse and rider?

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Racetrack Environment and Safe Training Practices

Moderator: Rick Arthur, DVM, Equine Medical Director, California Horse Racing Board

Panelists:

Larry Bramlage, DVM, MS, Diplomate, ACVS, Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital

Sue Holcombe, VMD, MS, PhD, Diplomate ACVS, Diplomate ACVECC, Associate Professor, Michigan

State University **Neil Howard**, Trainer

Ken McPeek, Trainer

Jonathan Sheppard, Trainer, Member, Racing Hall of Fame

What effects do different training methods and techniques have upon the longevity and soundness of the Thoroughbred racehorse? From environmental contaminants in the stable area to transportation to and from the racetrack, the racehorse confronts several challenges each day potentially compromising athletic potential. What role, if any, do these environmental contaminants play in determining racing potential and longevity and what are the practical implications for management?

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Transitioning Thoroughbred Racehorses to Second Careers

Moderator: Mike Ziegler, Executive Director, NTRA Safety and Integrity Alliance

Panelists:

Allie Conrad, Executive Director, CANTER Mid-Atlantic
Barbara Luna, Program Administrator, Turning For Home
Diana Pikulski, Executive Director, Thoroughbred Retirement Foundation
Jim D. Smith, DVM, Kentucky Equine Humane Center
Kim Smith, Executive Director, Second Stride

As Thoroughbred aftercare becomes more widespread, what programs have racetracks implemented, what are the elements of successful programs, and what pitfalls should be avoided?

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Tuesday June 29, 2010

11:00 – 1:00 p.m. Implementation

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Moderator: Jim Gagliano, President and COO, The Jockey Club

Panelists:

Roy A. Arnold, President, Arlington Park
Remi Bellocq, Chief Executive Officer, National HBPA
Vince Gabbert, Executive Assistant to the President, Keeneland Association Inc.
Ed Martin, President, Association of Racing Commissioners International
Lisa Underwood, Executive Director, Kentucky Horse Racing Commission
Alex Waldrop, President and CEO, NTRA

Implementation of safety and soundness recommendations has proved problematic with widely varied and at times sporadic adoption of recommendations into regulations and/or house rules. Recent progress on establishing an interstate racing regulatory compact is encouraging; however, what short-term solutions are available to improve consistent adoption of safety initiatives across racing jurisdictions?

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