



Integrity and Security – Protecting the Horse and the Integrity of the Race





Welfare & Safety of the Racehorse Summit VIII



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CHRB Safety Stewards

Responsibilities Include:

- **Track Safety, Testing and Baseline Database Entry**
- **Equipment Compliance** (Crops, Vests, Helmets, Rail Specs)
- **Graded Stakes Security**
- **Accident & Fatality Investigations, Necropsy Reviews**
- **Monitoring of Race Day Restrictions**
- **CHRB Investigator and EMD Assistance** (may include SA video)
- **Special Projects** (3rd Party Lasix; Microchip Program; Emergency Response)



Identifying Horses-at-Risk

Horses that:

- **Are Maiden 4YO non-starters**
- **Have not started in 120+ days**
- **Have been eased or on:**
 - Stewards' List for Poor Performance**
 - Vet's List**
- **Have otherwise been identified due to:**
 - Racing or training pattern**
 - Observation by Veterinarians or Clockers**



Examining Horses-at-Risk

At-Risk InCompass Report

- **At-Risk characteristics are correlated with In/Out slips provided by Racing Office, workout tabs and PPs**
- **Approximately 15-25% of horse population meets criteria**
- **Team includes:**
 - **State (2 or 3) and Track Veterinarians (2) and staff**
 - **Racing Office**
 - **Safety Stewards**
- **Exams are also conducted on dark days**
- **Horses may be placed on Vet's List, subjected to additional exams or, sometimes, required to have scans.**



Benefits of At-Risk Program

Since Inception of At-Risk Program at Del Mar in July 2017

- **Increased awareness of at-risk horses for:**
 - ❑ **Trainers**
 - ❑ **Racing Office (may refuse entry)**

- **Fewer Fatalities (racing and training):**
 - ❑ **35% reduction Fiscal YTD 16-17 vs. 17-18**
 - ❑ **Calendar YTD in CA lowest in 11 years**