Test Barn Procedural Recommendations

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NOT THIS TEST BARN

The shocking truth of what really goes on inside the Test Barn.
RACING IN AMERICA

- Early Colonists had Experienced Racing in England
- 1665, Richard Nicoles, 1st Governor of N.Y. Laid Out a Race Course on Long Island
- First Documented TB Race, Annapolis, 1745
- Today, Racing in 34 States
HISTORY OF DRUG TESTING

- Romans 800 BC: Solutions of Honey
- English 1600’s: Whiskey Drenches
- US 1930’s: Over the Counter Narcotics
  - Saliva Testing: “Spit Box”
  - Urine Testing Added
  - 1970’s Blood Testing Replaced Saliva
    - (Cocaine / Tongue Ties)
  - Hair Testing has been Introduced
FORENSICALLY SOUND SAMPLES

• Facilities
  ◦ Well Designed, Clean, Office Space, Break Room, Wash Racks
  ◦ Eliminate Possible Sources of Sample Contamination
    • Clean Stalls Between Horses
    • Clean and Disinfect Drinking Buckets
    • No Food or Drink in Vicinity of Samples
    • Pens Used by Witness

• Security
  ◦ Perimeter Fencing
  ◦ Limited Access
Forensically Sound Samples (2)

- Test Barn Employees
  - Integrity
  - Horse Sense
  - Using Back Stretch Workers
- SOP’s
  - Record any Reasons for Deviation from SOP
- Record of Problem Horses
  - Blinkers, Bedding, Tied or Loose
COLLECTING THE URINE SAMPLE
Best Practices?

- “Break Room” not Provided
  - Food and Drink near Samples
- Failure to wear Disposable Gloves
- Careless handling of Sample Containers
  - Containers without Covers
- Failure to Split Samples at Test Barn
- Failure of Trainer’s Rep to Observe
Best Practices?

• Releasing Horse with Blood Only
  ◦ Importance of Testing Urine
  ◦ Potent Drugs and Proteins
  ◦ Need Authority to Keep as Long as Necessary
  ◦ Better to Test Fewer Samples, but Test More Thoroughly

• Inadequate Number of Collectors

• Failure to Prepare Witness for Hearings
  ◦ Need Adequate Preparation
  ◦ Need to Know What to Expect from Cross Examination
REGULATORY VETERINARY EDUCATION

• Formal Education for Regulatory Veterinarians is not Available

• Important Resources
  ◦ AAEP Annual Convention Regulatory Veterinarians Meeting
  ◦ Regulatory Veterinary Web Chat Site
  ◦ Safety and Integrity Alliance Accreditation Inspections
  ◦ ICRAV
Uruguay Antidoping
Uruguay Collection Container
Uruguay Collection Stall
Uruguay Monitoring Cameras
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Questions?