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To Whom it May Concern,

On February 29, 2012 the New York State Racing and Wagering Board adopted new rules for thoroughbred and harness racing regarding the administration of phenylbutazone, which is commonly known as "bute."

The new rules, which will go into effect on March 21, 2012, removes the 24-hour provision for bute and preserves a single 48-hour standard for the administration of bute. Flunixin will still be allowed as the only drug permissible for administration up to 24 hours before a race.

In thoroughbred, 9 NYCRR 4043.2(e)(14) will allow the administration of bute up to 48 hours before a race. For testing purposes, this is a plasma threshold of 2 µg/mL.

In harness, 9 NYCRR 4120.2(e)(14) will allow the administration of bute up to 48 hours before a race. Similar to thoroughbred, this is a plasma threshold of 2 µg/mL.

A copy of the new rules for both the thoroughbred and harness texts is attached.

Very truly yours,

Kristen M. Buckley
Acting Secretary to the Board

Attachments

Subdivision (d) of Section 4043.2 of 9 NYCRR will now read as follows:

(d) The following non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug may be administered by intravenous injection until 24 hours before the scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is to compete. flunixin.

Subdivision (d) of Section 4120.2 of 9 NYCRR will now read as follows:

(d) The following non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug may be administered by intravenous injection until 24 hours before the scheduled post time of the race in which the horse is to compete. flunixin.