

Freedom Health Aminorex Findings Confirmed by Canadian Racing Agency

Use of Levamisole is Linked to Positive Aminorex Drug Tests

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Aurora, OH (April 6, 2007)—The Canadian Pari-Mutual Agency (CPMA) confirmed Freedom Health’s findings that the use of injectable levamisole in racehorses may result in a positive drug test for the banned substance aminorex—a Class 1 drug that carries a recommended penalty of a one- to five-year suspension from racing. In a release issued April 2, the agency warned horse trainers that the use of levamisole could result in a positive test for aminorex. Levamisole is a deworming medication that is used in many different animal species, including sheep, pigs and cattle.

The CPMA’s release stated that the agency had “administered levamisole products to horses under controlled conditions, and found aminorex in the urine samples taken from these horses.” Laboratory testing has shown that samples of urine from horses treated with the injectable form of the drug contained a compound that analysis proved to be aminorex.

“We are delighted that our pioneering work has been confirmed by the CPMA and that they are pursuing additional possible sources for a substance that is metabolized by horses into aminorex,” said Franklin Pellegrini, DVM, Vice President – Veterinary Affairs at Freedom Health. “We believe this will clarify the aminorex issue for everyone involved in racing and remove the cloud of uncertainty that has bedeviled the industry for the past three years.”

Earlier this year, Freedom Health employed Industrial Laboratories Company, Inc., a federally accredited analytical toxicology laboratory, to randomly test samples of the company's popular SUCCEED® Digestive Conditioning Program® to end speculation that use of SUCCEED was linked to these positive drug tests. The laboratory's analysis conclusively proved that both the paste and granular forms of the product were negative for the presence of aminorex.

"We hope that this announcement will encourage other governing organizations in the racing industry to consider levamisole and other possible sources for the presence of aminorex in positive drug tests," said John Hall, President – Freedom Health. "We're very happy that independent testing has confirmed that SUCCEED is not the source of these positive results."

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