

BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES, AND HOUSING AGENCY

1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825
(916) 263-6000
Fax (916) 263-6042

www.chrb.ca.gov

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

Los Alamitos Race Course
4961 E. Katella Avenue
Los Alamitos, CA 90720

Contact: Mike Marten
(714) 820-2748
Cell: (714) 240-1870
Fax (714) 821-6232

CHRB NEWS RELEASE

JULY 9, 2015

FEWER MEDICATION VIOLATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

SACRAMENTO, CA – California horse racing experienced only four Class 1, 2, or 3 medication violations during the 2014-15 fiscal year – the lowest number in at least 40 years.

The Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, confirmed four positives for Class 1, 2, or 3 drug substances from 11,900 samples tested during the fiscal year that concluded June 30. This was the lowest number of major medication violations that could be determined by a search of California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) records going back to 1974. This compares to 28 Class 1, 2, or 3 confirmations in FY 2013-14.

The huge drop is largely attributable to CHRB and industry enforcement efforts, particularly for clenbuterol, which accounted for 16 of the 28 previous year's positives. There were no clenbuterol positives in FY 2014-15.

One of the CHRB's most effective deterrents and enforcement tools is drug testing at the Maddy Laboratory, which has gained international respect for its comprehensive program of detection and research. The laboratory screens for more than a thousand drugs and other substances using some of the most advanced instruments available in the field. And with additional funding this year, the laboratory intends to expand its testing program and develop new tests for emerging threats.

#