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**WEEKLY UPDATE**

SACRAMENTO, CA – This is the California Horse Racing Board's weekly update of complaints, accusations, stewards rulings, and Board decisions involving Class 1, 2, and 3 medication violations and other significant matters.

The stewards at Los Alamitos suspended trainer Blane Schvaneveldt for 45 days beginning August 9 for violation of CHRB Rules 1489 (h) (j), 1843 (a) (c) (d), 1887 (a), 1890, and 1902 after a horse in his care, Offdashn, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. This is a Class 3 violation. Offdashn finished first in the fourth race at Los Alamitos on November 7, 2003. Originally, the suspension was issued April 13, 2004, but the penalty was stayed pending an appeal. Last month the California Horse Racing Board approved the proposed decision of an administrative law judge to deny the appeal and uphold the suspension.

In accordance with a stipulated agreement between the California Horse Racing Board and Paulo Lobo, the stewards at Del Mar fined the trainer \$3,000 for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (d), 1844 (e), and 1887 after a horse in his care, Right Special, exceeded the regulatory threshold for clenbuterol. Clenbuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Right Special finished first in the third race at Hollywood Park on April 26, 2007. The stewards disqualified Right Special and ordered a redistribution of the purse.

The CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Antonio Soto for violation of CHRB Rules 1843 (a) (b) (d), 1844 (e), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported the official urine sample taken from a horse in his care, Boo Boo Buckaroo, contained albuterol, a Class 3 prohibited substance. Albuterol is a beta-2 agonist bronchodilator commonly used in horses. Boo Boo Buckaroo finished first in the sixth race at Los Alamitos on May 26, 2007. A hearing is scheduled August 18.

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