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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 CHRB filed a complaint against trainer Todd Pletcher for violation of CHRB Rules 1843.2, 1844 (a) (b) (d), and 1887 after the Maddy Laboratory at the University of California, Davis, reported that a sample taken from a horse in his care, Wait a While, exceeded the regulatory threshold for procaine. The finding was confirmed by Pennsylvania Equine Research Laboratory. Procaine is a local anesthetic and is found in procaine penicillin G, a commonly administered antibiotic for horses. For this reason procaine is a Class 3 violation rather than a Class 2 violation, as are most other local anesthetics for horses. Wait a While finished third in the sixth race at Santa Anita Park on October 24, 2008, which was the Breeders’ Cup Filly and Mare Turf. The stewards at Hollywood Park have scheduled a December 14 hearing on the disqualification of Wait a While and forfeiture of her share of the purse (\$213,000) for redistribution. A hearing has not been scheduled for Pletcher.

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