

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD  
TITLE 4. CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS  
ARTICLE 15. VETERINARY PRACTICES  
RULE 1846.6. POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION REVIEW

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(a) The Board shall conduct a postmortem examination review to determine the circumstances of each equine fatality within a California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) inclosure.

(b) The postmortem examination review shall be conducted by a member of the board of stewards, a safety steward and the Equine Medical Director or an official veterinarian designated by the Executive Director and Equine Medical Director.

(c) The trainer of the expired horse will be required to appear before the postmortem examination review panel. Additional licensees may also be required to appear at the discretion of the postmortem examination review panel.

(d) The trainer shall make available at the postmortem examination review the training records for the expired horse, which shall include exercise, medication and shoeing histories for a minimum of 60 days prior to the date of death of the horse.

(e) All CHRB licensed veterinarians attending or treating a horse having died within a CHRB inclosure shall make available at the postmortem examination review a summary medical record covering a minimum of 60 days prior to the date of death of the horse, or longer if requested by the postmortem review panel. The summary medical record shall include:

(1) A history or pertinent information as it pertains to the horse's medical status, including an interpretation of all diagnostic imaging and laboratory findings.

(2) Data, including that obtained by instrumentation, from the physical examination.

(3) Treatment and intended treatment plan, including medications, dosage and frequency of use.

(4) All medications and treatments prescribed and dispensed, including strength, dosage, route of administration, quantity, and frequency of use.

(5) Daily progress and disposition of the case.

(6) Copies of laboratory data, if requested by the postmortem review panel.

(7) Copies of diagnostic images including but not limited to radiographs, ultrasounds and nuclear scintigraphies, if requested by the postmortem review panel.

(f) The equine medical records described in (e)(6) and (7) of this regulation are the property of the veterinary facility that originally ordered them to be prepared and require the authorization of the client before the records can be released.

(g) Upon completion of the postmortem examination review, the postmortem examination review panel shall file a written report with the Executive Director and the owner and trainer of the expired horse.

Authority: Section 19440,  
Business and Professions Code.

Reference: Sections 19435 and 19444,  
Business and Professions Code.