STATE OF CALIFORNIA
CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
CHRB 65 (Rev 1-23)

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) hereby files an official complaint against Dr. Ashton Cloninger for violation of CHRB Rule(s) 1629; 1845(a).

The person named in this complaint is licensed by the CHRB as a Veterinarian, under license number 058702 exp. 12/2025. The alleged offense occurred on or about 9/2/2023 and is described as follows:

While working as an assistant to Lasix Veterinarian Dr. Ashton Cloninger, Laura Gilson was in charge of coordinating which horses they were to treat with Lasix before racing. At approximately 0936 hours, Assistant Gilson directed Dr. Cloninger to treat the horse Maverick Rose which was stabled in Barn #63 for Trainer Marcia Stortz and set to run in the first race. It wasn't until after Dr. Cloninger treated Maverick Rose with Lasix that the two realized that the horse had already been given Lasix by Veterinarain Technician Laura McEvoy. The horse was subsequently scratched from the race due to being treated twice.

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 19420 and 19440, as well as the authority outlined in the CHRB Rules, the Board of Stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violations of any provision of a CHRB Rule, or HISA Rule, where authorized. Such penalties may include suspension of any CHRB-issued license, monetary fine, assessment of penalty points, and/or exclusion from any/all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board, or any combination of the penalties listed above.

Investigator Name: J. Tolman Date of Filing: 10/2/2023 Case Number: 23GG0077

NOTICE TO APPEAR

You are hereby ordered to appear before the Board of Stewards as noted below.

Location: Golden Gate Fields, Berkeley, Ca Date: 11/11/2023 Time: 1130am

You are entitled to reasonable notice of this hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you require additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for continuance must be submitted in writing and fully justify the need for continuance. The granting or denial of a request for continuance rests with the Board of Stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached "Governing Procedures for Hearing Before the Board of Stewards."

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

☒ In Person ☐ Certified Mail (Tracking #): _____ ☐ Other: _____

Documents Served: ☒ Complaint Packet ☒ Governing Procedures ☐ Other: _____

Served By: J. Tolman #11 Date: _____ Time: _____ ☐ 10 Day Time Waived

DISPOSITION

The Board of Stewards took the following action on the aforementioned case.

☐ Ruling Issued ☐ Formal Warning ☐ Case Dismissed ☐ Withdrawn

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