

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD



Memorandum

Date : May 9, 2025

To : Trainers at CHRB Racing and Training Facilities

From : Dr. Jeff Blea
Equine Medical Director

Subject : Shoulder Fractures

In the past six months, there have been nine (9) musculoskeletal fatalities associated with shoulder fractures that have occurred in training at CHRB facilities. Shoulder fractures can be difficult to identify clinically, thus, as a reminder to horsemen and horsewomen, please review these continuing education modules related to shoulder fractures to assist in minimizing these types of injuries.

Please consult with your veterinarian if you have any questions.

UC DAVIS Veterinary Medicine Links:

Humeral Fractures:

1. https://secure.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/public/vorl/modules/humeral-fractures-modules-ce/story_html5.html
2. https://vorl.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk4731/files/inline-files/Humeral_fractures_041812_v2.pdf

Scapular Fractures:

1. https://secure.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/public/vorl/modules/scapular-fractures-module-ce/story_html5.html
2. https://vorl.vetmed.ucdavis.edu/sites/g/files/dgvnsk4731/files/inline-files/scapula_fractures_062712_v2.pdf

Horsemen U:

1. <https://horsemenu.mclms.net/en/>

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