

# **Racing Queensland Limited**

## **POLICY ON VETERINARY SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED AT RACE MEETINGS AND TRIALS**

### **DATE POLICY WAS MADE**

This policy was made on 1 July 2010.

### **COMMENCEMENT DATE**

This policy came into effect on 1 July 2010.

### **PURPOSE**

The *Animal Care and Protection Act 2001* imposes statutory obligations on persons in charge of animals, including:

- A duty of care to the animal
- A duty not to be cruel to an animal.

Racing Queensland Limited (Racing Queensland) has a responsibility to implement policies that assist persons in charge of thoroughbred horses, harness racing horses and greyhounds participating in race meetings or trials to ensure that the welfare of the animals is protected and to prevent cruelty to racing animals involved in racing.

By enforcing such policies, Racing Queensland maintains public confidence in the integrity of racing.

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

1. To protect the welfare of licensed racing animals participating in race meetings or official barrier trials, any licensed race club or organisation holding a race meeting or trial must ensure a Veterinary Surgeon is available to provide immediate veterinary services.
2. Veterinary services shall include but not be limited to providing to the stewards at the race meeting or trial independent and professional veterinary advice as well as providing emergency treatment for injured horses and the collection of samples for drug analysis.
3. The licensed race club or organisation conducting the race meeting or trial is to engage the veterinary services.
4. The licensed race club must develop a veterinary services plan, to be approved by Racing Queensland. The plan must include details of the steps and associated procedures to be undertaken should veterinary services be required at a race meeting or trial. Racing Queensland will supply a generic plan as a guide.

5. Racing Queensland will provide via its website a handbook of the duties of official racing veterinarians, a copy of Racing Queensland's policy on the welfare of licensed animals, an up-to-date copy of the Australian and Local Rules of Racing, a copy of the Australian Rules of Harness Racing, a copy of the Australasian Rules of Greyhound Racing (whichever is applicable), a copy of the Animal Health Australian Emergency Disease Preparedness Plan and a copy of the Animal Welfare and Integrity Boards Manual "Procedures about the way things for analysis are to be taken and dealt with."
6. A licensed race club or organisation conducting the race meeting or trial **must ensure** the veterinary services provider has access to a hard copy of the handbook of instructions for the duties of official racing veterinarians, a hard copy of Racing Queensland's policy on the welfare of licensed animals, an up-to-date hard copy of the Australian and Local Rules of Racing, a hard copy of the Animal Health Australian Emergency Disease Preparedness Plan, a hard copy of the Australian Rules of Harness racing, a hard copy of the Australasian Rules of Greyhound Racing (whichever is applicable) and a copy of the Animal Welfare and Integrity Boards Manual "Procedures about the way things for analysis are to be taken and dealt with."
7. A licensed race club or organisation conducting the race meeting or trial must ensure the veterinary services provider has access within the swab stall to a sink with running water, soap and hand towel, as well as clean bench space for the processing and packaging of swab samples.

## APPLICATION

This policy applies to all licensed race clubs and organisations conducting race meetings and official barrier trials.

## DEFINITIONS

This policy adopts the terminology used in the *Racing Act 2002* (the Act). Schedule 3 of the Act is a dictionary that defines words used in the Act and may be accessed via the Internet at [www.legislation.qld.gov.au](http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au), under the tab "R".

## PROCEDURES

No procedures have been approved under this policy.

## REVIEW

Review date will be July 2012.

## REVISION HISTORY

Version	Date	Description
1.01	July 2010	Board adopted under exceptional circumstances
1.02	September 2010	Board confirmed this policy continued to have effect