

## NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

**Committee name:** Animal Welfare Committee

**Meeting date:** August 12, 2009

**Committee Members Present:** Mario Boisjoli – Chair, Lisa Lennington and Bub Popin

**Committee Members not Present:** Shawn Flarida, Rod Leibring, Allen Mitchels, Flis Sassella, Steve Schwartzberger and Robb Walther

**Staff Present:** Christa Morris and Michelle Wrigley

**Mission Statement:** To protect the welfare and integrity of Reining horses

### **Agenda Items**

- Reviewed May and June 2009 meeting minutes
- Discussed the Education Subcommittee and feedback from veterinarians on possible seminars for members
- Heard an update from Michelle Wrigley on the progress of the Show Stewards Program and input requested from the Animal Welfare committee (i.e. dealing with animal rights activists and determining “abuse”)
- Discussed current protest procedures and suggestions to change the process and fee for complaints of abuse
- Discussed video monitoring of warm up arenas at the NRHA Futurity and NRHA Derby