

NRHA COMMITTEE REPORT FORM

Committee name: Animal Welfare Committee

Meeting date: June 22, 2011

Committee Members Present: Tim Bartlett, DVM (Chair), Rod Leibring, DVM, Lisa Lennington, DVM and Mike McEntire

Members Not Present: Todd Crawford, Rick Ford, Kris Hiney, Allen Mitchels and Brett Walters

Staff Present: Dan Wall, Christa Morris, McKenzie Nygren

REVIEW OF PROPOSED RULE CHANGES

Rule Change #	Support	Not Support
42-01-12	X	
103-01-12	X	
103-02-12		X

Comments:

42-01-12

- It is time for NRHA to have a policy
- The policy is well written
- Have received considerable support when talking to members
- We do need to specify implementation and penalties (see note below), as well as publicizing specific fines when they are established
- McEntire made a motion that was seconded by Rod Leibring to present an amended rule change proposal as presented and discussed by the committee. The amendments include adding an implementation policy that outlines phasing in of the rule change, development of a Medications Hearing Panel and creation of tiered penalties.
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103-03-12

- We support rules that help our judges ensure the welfare of the horse

103-02-12

- The judges training addresses this and handles as adequately as possible
- It is difficult to write a rule that doesn't have loop holes (i.e non welfare issues - putting black on a face purely for appearance, a horse accidentally rubbing against furacin and having a spot on its hip, etc.)