

**Date:** January 1, 2011

**To:** All Horsemen

**From:** Ben Huffman, Racing Secretary, Director of Racing  
Steve Hargrave, Stable Manager

**Re:** Requirements for entry of horses into stable areas

In an effort to control the spread of communicable equine diseases, and after consulting with the Kentucky State Veterinary Office and the Kentucky Horse Racing Authority, the following conditions must be met before any horse will be permitted to enter Churchill Downs' stable areas:

All horses including lead ponies seeking entrance to the stable area shall be accompanied by a current negative EIA Test (aka Coggins) and be listed on a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) with the examination and issuance of the certificate being signed and dated by a licensed veterinarian within 72 hours prior to arrival.

#### **Equine Piroplasmosis,**

Under the authority found in KRS257.030, the Kentucky State Veterinarians Office is directing that until further notice all equine animals (racing and nonracing) seeking entry onto a race track in Kentucky must be accompanied with a certificate demonstrating the horse(s) was tested for piroplasmosis by a C-ELISA assay for both *T. equi* and *B. caballi* and reported to be negative. We are stating that the testing should begin immediately and that effective **January 1, 2011**, no horse shall be allowed entry onto a Kentucky race track without verification that the required testing has been completed. The testing shall be performed and the results reported by a laboratory certified and approved by the USDA to conduct the testing and shall be completed on a blood sample collected from the horse during the 12 month period preceding the animal's entry onto the grounds.

#### **Equine Herpes**

Additionally, each horse seeking entrance to our stable area shall be vaccinated against Equine Herpesvirus Type 1 (EHV-1) by a licensed veterinarian a minimum of 14 days and no more than 120 days prior to entry into our stable area. **Once a horse receives the initial EHV-1 vaccination, revaccination is required every 120 days. Please note that the minimum 14-day vaccine requirement applies only to horses that have not been vaccinated for EHV-1 during the preceding 120 days.**

For each horse, the Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (CVI) shall indicate the date of the horse's vaccination and the specific vaccine product used.

Equine Herpes and Strangles are contagious equine diseases that continue to be a concern in the United States. The foregoing requirements have been established to safeguard all horses stabled, training, and racing at Churchill Downs.

In addition to the requirements for entering and stabling of horses at Churchill Downs, the State Veterinary Office asks that horsemen maintain a temperature chart on each horse and that they report immediately to their veterinarian and track officials any temperature 1.5 degrees above the animal's normal at-rest temperature.

Your ongoing cooperation is appreciated.