



## HORSEMEN'S INFORMATION SHEET BELMONT STAKES WEEK - JUNE 3-7

- All horses competing in the 4 Grade 1 \$1 million+ Stakes races will be subject to out-of-competition testing.
- Commission veterinarians will perform in-stall inspections and on-track observations of Belmont Stakes Day contenders during training hours in the days preceding the event. Trainers having specific scheduling requests should contact Equine Medical Director Scott Palmer, VMD.
- On Saturday June 7 pre-race exams will begin at 6:00 a.m.
  - Trainers should have horses' legs clean and open for the exam.
  - **A horse's legs may not be placed in ice until after the pre-race exam.**
- Only NYRA veterinarians administer raceday Salix (furosemide), which will be performed between 4 ½ and 4 hours prior to the horse's scheduled post time. Please have an attendant with the horse during this period. NYRA veterinarians will not administer Salix to an unattended horse. The fee of \$25 for Salix administration is processed through the Horsemen's Bookkeeper's office.
- Salix is the only permitted injection a horse may receive within 24 hours of post time.
- No oral administration of medication or substance by dose syringe is permitted within 24 hours of post time.
- DMSO may be administered topically on race day, but may not be placed in the drinking water, or be administered by injection or intubation within 24 hours of post time.
- The following are prohibited within 24 hours of post time: Pulse therapy, laser, electro-magnetic blankets, boots, electro-shock, etc.; Nebulizer or puffer treatment; Transdermal patches
- On race day, blood samples for TCO<sub>2</sub> analysis will be collected from horses in the Assembly Barn between 45 minutes to 1 hour before post time. Horses will then be escorted with security to the paddock.
- Trainers should be mindful that over-the-counter nutritional supplements, homeopathic remedies, and herbal preparations are not regulated by the FDA. There is considerable risk in administering these substances in proximity to a race as they may contain restricted or prohibited substances with no notice on the product label.
- For horses receiving anti-ulcer medications, trainers are advised to administer anti-ulcer medication after racing on June 7 so as not to interrupt the treatment schedule.

For questions related to veterinary matters please contact:

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For specific questions, please see [New York Thoroughbred Drug Rules \(4043\)](#) or call the Stewards.

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