



Therapeutic Medication Information Sheet

The NRCHA allows the use of some medications under a stringent set of conditions as defined by the NRCHA Rulebook. Please refer to the NRCHA Rulebook for a complete copy of rules. It is also available on the NRCHA website at www.nrcha.com.

No drug listed in class I or II of the most recent publication of ARCI's Uniform Classifications for Foreign Substances, Revised Edition is ever allowed under any circumstance. These drugs are primarily hard narcotics and have no therapeutic use in the horse.

Administration of substances commonly used, such as vitamins, minerals, electrolytes, wormers, hormones, etc., do not require a medication report to be filed as long as they contain no forbidden substance.

Other drugs and medications used for therapeutic purposes may be given under a stringent set of conditions. As a part of those conditions, a medication report must be filed and the horse withdrawn or kept out of competition for a minimum of 24 hours as outlined in the rulebook. The administration of a conditionally permitted therapeutic medication for the purpose of transport, grooming, training, etc., is not therapeutic under this authorization rule.

Phenylbutazone, Flunixin, Ketoprofen, Meclofenamic Acid, Naproxen, Dexamethasone, Firocoxib (Equioxx) and Eltenac (Pending FDA Approval) may be given without withholding the horse from competition for 24 hours, so long as the level of the drug does not exceed the maximum allowable plasma level as stated in the rulebook.

Other drugs which are allowed to be administered on show day are Lasix, Acetazolamide and Isoxsuprine. Lidocaine or Mepivacaine are allowed if administered under the direct supervision of show management and/or the official show veterinarian for the purpose of surgical repair of a minor skin laceration, which by its nature would not prevent the horse from competing following the surgery.

The rules **require** medications to be administered or prescribed by a veterinarian **licensed to practice veterinary medicine in the state, province or country where the event is being held**. The veterinarian or person administering the medication must sign the medication form or if by prescription, a copy (with written instructions for use) must be attached to the medication report.

The medications listed in 14.2.5.3.C of the rulebook do not require diagnosis of illness or injury, except for the use of Lidocaine and Mepivacaine (or an additional therapeutic dose of such drug within the 24 hour window) when a report form must be filed and administration witnessed by show management.

Medication forms may be obtained from show management.

Completed medication forms must be filed with show management, who will forward to NRCHA in show results.

The presence of any drug or medication, including those allowed in the rulebook, shall constitute a positive test if a properly completed medication report form is not filed.

Questions concerning particular drugs, dosages, clearance times, etc. should be directed to the United States Equestrian Federation at 800-633-2472.

2012 NRCHA Premier Events that will have drug testing include: the NRCHA World Championship Show, the World's Greatest Horseman, and the NRCHA Derby (administered by the state of California). If you have questions about the drug policy at these shows, please contact the NRCHA Office at nrcha@nrcha.com or call 580-759-4949.