

TESTING OF NON-RACE DAY (ELECTIVE) SAMPLES

Trainers should be aware that unpredictable and prolonged excretion times can result from the therapeutic use of certain, specific prohibited substances including long-acting corticosteroids and procaine, from the use of procaine penicillin.

Elective testing is recommended for the above medication categories as reliable detection times are difficult, and in some cases impossible, to provide.

Through the Stewards, the ChemCentre can analyse non-race day elective urine samples for certain specified long-acting therapeutic medications, to determine the suitability for racing after treatment.

The following long-acting medications can be tested for under the program:

- Corticosteroids (i.e., methyl prednisolone acetate (Depo-Medrol), triamcinolone)
- Procaine (from procaine penicillin)

Trainers and veterinarians are encouraged to use this service; however, it does not remove the responsibility, under the Rules of Racing, for a trainer to present all animals under their control free of any prohibited substances on race-day.

Sample Submission

- Urine is required for testing unless specified otherwise.
- Samples are submitted through the RWWA Stewards or Veterinary Department.
- Stewards/RWWA Veterinarians must be advised prior to sample submission.
- Trainers will be charged through the RWWA accounting system.
- Samples should be submitted in a clean jar/container with lid or a urine collection bottle available from the Stewards.
- Samples can be collected and submitted by sample collectors at race meetings with prior arrangement through the Stewards or RWWA Veterinarians.

The following details must be supplied when samples are submitted;

- Animal name and sex.
- Medication name/s for which the sample is to be tested.
- Treatment details i.e. medication/dose/date administered.
- Trainer's name and contact details

Trainer will be advised when results are received.

Cost of sample analysis (all prices include GST)

- \$200.00 per medication category.
- Results will be available approx. 7 working days after sample submission to the ChemCentre.

For further information contact the RWWA Veterinary Department on 9445 5459 or 9445 5305.