



State of Indiana Indiana Horse Racing Commission

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Indiana BOAH Removes Piroplasmosis Testing Requirement

The Indiana State Board of Animal Health (BOAH) voted at their January meeting to lift the equine piroplasmosis testing requirement for horses entering Indiana race tracks, effective February 1, 2013.

BOAH implemented the testing requirement two years ago in response to the increasing number of horses testing positive at Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse race tracks across the country. The continued testing for equine piroplasmosis coupled with the decreasing occurrence of positive tests last year led the board to its decision.

Dr. Angela Demaree, Equine Medical Director for the Indiana Horse Racing Commission reminds trainers to review entry requirements for Indiana Downs and Hoosier Park prior to shipping horses. *“BOAH removed the testing requirement for equine piroplasmosis; however, both Indiana race tracks still require equine herpes virus vaccination within the last 6 months and a negative Coggin’s test for equine infectious anemia within the last 12 months for all horses entering association grounds during both the Standardbred and Thoroughbred and Quarter Horse race meets.”*

Additional information about equine piroplasmosis and the board’s decision can be found on the BOAH website, www.boah.in.gov. Veterinarians with questions can contact Dr. Angela Demaree, Equine Medical Director, at ademaree@hrc.in.gov.

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