

CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD
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To: All Horsemen, Veterinarians, and Other Interested Parties

From: Dr. Rick Arthur, Equine Medical Director
Dr. Tim Grande, CHRB Official Veterinarian
Dr. Will Farmer, CHRB Official Veterinarian
Dr. Nolton Pattio, CHRB Official Veterinarian

RE: HORSES FROM SAN LUIS REY DOWNS EXPOSED TO SMOKE

The negative effects of smoke inhalation are not always immediately apparent and will be variable from horse to horse and the degree and type of smoke exposure. The CHRB advises horsemen to carefully monitor their horses exposed to smoke for signs of respiratory inflammation and to contact your veterinarian to evaluate horses showing any signs of respiratory inflammation (coughing, respiratory distress, nasal discharge, fever). Trainers should use caution in returning horses to training that were exposed to smoke and are encouraged not to race horses exposed to smoke at San Luis Rey Downs until after Christmas at the earliest.

Accordingly this is the current situation:

- Del Mar will remain joggers only until Wednesday, December 13th. We recommend horses shipped to Santa Anita Los Alamitos, or other facilities be managed similarly.
- The CHRB official veterinarians at Los Alamitos Quarter Horse meet (Dr. Pattio) and Los Alamitos Racecourse (Drs. Grande or Farmer) will require a statement from the attending veterinarian for any horse entered prior to December 26th that was stabled at San Luis Rey Downs during the fire with the following statement:

I have examined (horse) including auscultation of the lungs and airways and have found no evidence of respiratory inflammation. In my opinion this horse is unaffected by exposure to smoke at San Luis Rey Downs and is fit to race.

In addition, the pre-race exams on horses at San Luis Rey Downs at the time of the fire will include auscultation of the lungs and airways as part of the pre-race exam. If there is any suggestion of a respiratory condition, the horse will be declared unfit, placed on the Veterinarian's List, and recommended the horse be scratched to the BOS.

Contact your official veterinarian if you have any questions.