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## **Lasix**

Pompano Beach, FL (September 27, 2011) – The thoroughbred battle lines concerning lasix have been drawn among various organizations including the local Florida HBPA led by Kent H. Sterling (Executive Director) and the Ocala based Florida Thoroughbred Breeders and Owners Association (TBOA). The latter aligned with other groups including Stronach Group and the Breeders Cup calling for the ban of lasix on race day citing its use in North America as a detriment to sale of horses into countries where race day lasix is not permitted.. The HBPA has taken the opposite position based on a South African Lasix Study co-authored by Colorado State University’s Dr. Paul Morely. A recent HBPA article stated “The South African Study clearly displayed that “pre race administration of furosemide markedly decreased both the incidence and severity of EIPH in the thoroughbred race horse racing in South Africa.”

While FSBOA does not have a position on the lasix matter we have agreed to share this topic with our membership and provide an HBPA petition to you in the event you support the continued use of race day lasix. The petition is shown below. Should you choose to support HBPA you may complete the petition below and send it by mail or fax to HBPA.

We will also provide copies of the petition in the race office for members interested in supporting HBPA’s position on lasix.

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## PETITION

Based upon my personal experience as a professional horsemen and Standardbred race horse owner and/or trainer, my personal responsibility and concern for the health and welfare of the horses I own/or in my care, and upon veterinary advice and all available scientific research, I, the undersigned support the:

- Use of furosemide (Salix/Lasix), as both a training aid and the only permissible race-day medication to protect against the adverse effects of EIPH, Exercise Induced Pulmonary Hemorrhage (bleeding), in race horses.
  
- Requirement that the regulatory community assume the responsibility for the race day administration of furosemide to ensure greater uniformity and security for the benefit of horsemen and the betting public.

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TRAINER NAME (Please Print)

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SIGNATURE

Florida DPMW license # \_\_\_\_\_

On your picture badge this is the number under your designation as a trainer.

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OWNER NAME (Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

Florida DPMW license # \_\_\_\_\_

On your picture badge this is the number under your designation as an owner.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please compete and return via:

FAX: 305-625-5259

OR

MAIL TO:

Florida HBPA

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