

OKLAHOMA HORSE RACING COMMISSION

**DIRECTIVE ON EQUINE PIROPLASMOSIS**

Beginning August 1, 2010, all horses entering any racetrack licensed by the Oklahoma Horse Racing Commission must be accompanied by proof of a **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis test performed by cELISA for both Babesia caballi and Theileria (Babesia) equi, in the form of a Laboratory Test Report completed by an accredited laboratory no more than one year prior to entry into the racetrack. The required **negative** Laboratory Test Report must be presented at the racetrack's stable gate before entering the racetrack.

It is the responsibility of the racetrack's stable gate employees to examine the Laboratory Test Report for each entering horse to ensure that the test report was completed within one year prior to entry onto the racetrack. The racetrack's stable gate crew is required to turn away any horse seeking entrance to the racetrack that does not have a valid, in-date, **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report.

The **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report must be filed at the racetrack's Racing Secretary's office with each horse's papers.

Any **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report shall be considered **out of date** one year after the test completion date noted on the Laboratory Test Report.

A horse on the grounds of a Commission licensed racetrack whose **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report becomes out of date shall **not** be permitted to run in any race until such time as a new **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report is filed with the Racing Secretary. No horse with an outdated **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report shall be allowed to remain on the grounds of a Commission licensed racetrack for more than five (5) days after its **negative** Laboratory Test Report becomes out of date, unless within that time, a new **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report is filed for the horse in the Racing Secretary's office.

It shall be the responsibility of the Commission Veterinarian or Designee to examine the papers for each horse entered in a race at a Commission licensed racetrack to determine if a valid, in-date, **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report is on file for the horse in the Racing Secretary's office. The Stewards shall not permit any horse without a valid, in-date, **negative** Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report to run in any race. The Stewards shall see that any racehorse that lacks such a test is removed from the racetrack enclosure within five (5) days, unless within that period, a new **negative**, in-date Equine Piroplasmosis Laboratory Test Report is filed with the horse's papers in the Racing Secretary's office.

The requirements of this Directive shall be included in all Condition Books published by a Commission licensed racetrack after August 1, 2010.