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Mr. O'Connor,

This letter is to serve as support for the rule change currently being proposed by the United States Equestrian Federation relative to the "stacking" of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). The current position of the American Association of Equine Practitioners is that the use of multiple NSAIDs is not in the best interest of the health and welfare of the horse.

Specifically, our "Medication Guidelines of the Non-Racing Performance Horse", developed in 2002, state the following:

Governing organizations have developed guidelines for the use of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory agents in their sports. It is the opinion of the AAEP that the use of multiple NSAID agents is not in the best interest of the health and welfare of the horse. Performance horse governing bodies are encouraged to regularly reevaluate their regulations in light of this recommendation.

If you have any questions or we can be of any assistance to the USEF, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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2009 AAEP President