

## The annual report on doping control of horses in 2008

In 2008 Antidoping agency of Serbia performed (ako imate bolji glagol predlozite) 49 doping control of horses. Among them 25 were gallop horses, 21 trotter and 3 jumping horses. Our doping control officers were present on 16 race days, on 11 days in Belgrade, 2 in Subotica and only one day in Sombor, Sabac and Pozarevac. From 38 horses urine sample were taken, from 8 blood samples and from 3 horses both urine and blood samples. Some horses were tested more than once: Distant Charm 4 times, Ficoma, Trocadero and Black Smooth Jazz 3 times, Isander, Balletic, Lester and Princ Surcinski 2 times. Most of the doping control passed without any inconvenience and just in one case person responsible wrote additional comment because we waited 2 hours for horse to urinate.

### Doping control of horses in 2008 – results

From 49 tested horses 5 were positive

-Diclophenac	2
-Triamcinolone acetone	1
-Phenilbutazone	1
-Refuse doping control	1

### Doping control of horses in 2008 – Financial funds

Budget Republic of Serbia and donations	16 controls
Serbian Equestrian Association	12 controls
Serbian Trotting Association	7 controls
Belgrade Hipodrom	7 controls
Pozarevac Hipodrom	4 controls
Federation for Equestrian Sport of Serbia	2 controls
Sabac Hipodrom	1 control

## **Doping control of horses in 2008 –Problems**

The main problem related to the doping control of horses in 2008 was inadequate conditions. We want to remind that according to the Regulation on veterinary control on horse races and events, organizer should provide adequate conditions.

Hipodrom Sombor (03.08.2008)

Doping control box was too small, and in the stable where other horses were present. We didn't have clean straw which we can put in the box after each doping control. We didn't have table, and fresh water for horses to drink and to wash off sweat. We informed organizer several times about this inadequate conditions, but they didn't do anything to fix this. Because of this we performed control in the stable and took blood samples.

Hipodrom Sabac (28.08.2008)

Doping control box was small and in the path where other horses and cars were passing, so the horses couldn't relax. We had a problem with electricity, and it was raining outside, the visibility in the box was low. Organizer provided us table, fresh water and outdoor space for horses to walk and calm down. We had a good cooperation with the organizing committee and they didn't interfere in our work.

Hipodrom Pozarevac (07.09.2008)

Organisator made a special box for doping control, but it was small and it didn't have a window or a ventilation. Near the box was a loudspeaker, and that noise made horses more nervous. Everything else was perfect, and we had a good cooperation with organizing committee. We would like to thank again for the hospitality.

Hipodrom Subotica (27.07. and 19.10.2008)

Doping control box was appropriate size but was very dark and near the spot where horses were unloaded. We didn't have fresh water and there were no electricity in the box. We had a good cooperation with organizing committee.

Hipodrom Beograd

We have 2 boxes which they empty on these days when we perform doping control, clean and put fresh straw. Boxes are too small, and there are other horses in that stable. Everything else is perfect and cooperation with organizing committee is great.

We kindly ask organizer of the horse races and events to provide us better working conditions in next year.

### **Plans for 2009**

1. To organize educative doping control seminar for trainers, veterinarians, drivers, jockeys, owners and organizer of the races. On this seminar we will cover all the aspects of doping control and pay a special attention on forbidden substances. 10% of positive horses is very high number and we have to work together to lower this percentage.

2. To do more doping control of the horses than in 2008. We think that organizer of the horse races and events should financially participate more (own funds, sponsors, percentage of the winning fees..). Also we are planning to introduce penalty for positive horses and to use this money for new controls.

3. To do more doping control on races that are not in Belgrade and on lower rank races.

4. Do to out of competition doping controls

5. To do more controls on randomly picked horses or one that have suspicious behavior or some irregularity in walk or posture.

Antidoping Agency of Serbia wants to thank everyone who help us to successfully finish this season.