



AMENDMENTS TO AUSTRALIAN RULES OF RACING

AR 86 Shockwave therapy

Summary:

The Racing Australia Veterinary and Analysts Committee (VAC) advises:

- there is increasing evidence of the use of shockwave therapy by lay people and that this treatment is not being reported as required under the Rules of Racing; and
- there are increased risks of tissue injury in horses that are subject to shockwave therapy performed by untrained lay people.

Accordingly, VAC has recommended that the Rules are amended to restrict the performance of shockwave therapy to qualified veterinarians only. This position is supported by the Racing Australia Chairmen of Stewards Committee.

Further, VAC has noted that Equine Veterinarians Australia does not support shockwave therapy performed by lay people.

Racing Australia has approved the addition of new subrule (4).

Amend AR 86 as follows:

“AR 86 Horses that have had shockwave therapy

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- (4) A person must not perform shockwave therapy on a horse unless he or she is a qualified veterinary surgeon.”

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Date of effect: 1 January 2020