



TO: TRA Directors
FROM: Chris Scherf
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TOPIC: Necropsy Survey

We have been requested by a member to conduct the following survey. Your earliest response would be appreciated. Thanks.

1. Are necropsies required in the event of a fatal breakdown at your race track?
Yes_____ No_____ Other (please explain) _____
 2. Are necropsies required for other equine fatalities at your race track?
Yes_____ No_____ Other (please explain) _____

 3. If yes, who requires the necropsy? Racing Commission _____ Track _____
Other (please explain) _____
 4. Who performs the necropsy? State Vet. _____ Private Vet. _____ State lab. _____
Other (please explain) _____
 5. Who is responsible for the expense of the necropsy? Owner _____ Track _____
Other (please explain) _____
 6. Who is responsible for any transportation expenses associated with the necropsy?
Owner _____ Track _____ Other (please explain) _____
 7. Are there any additional expenses associated with the death and necropsy?
Please explain _____
 8. Who is responsible for these additional costs? Owner _____ Track _____
Other (please explain) _____
- Name: _____ Track: _____

NECROPSY SURVEY RESULTS

Required for fatal breakdown	Other fatalities at your track	Required by	Performed by	Responsible for necropsy expense	Responsible for transportation expense	Additional cost associated w/necropsy
N	N		Private Vet	Owner	Whoever requested it	
Y	N	Race Commission	University Equine Lab	Owner	Owner	
Upon request	Upon request	Race Commission	State Lab	Track	Track	None
Y	Y	Race Commission	State Lab	CHRB	Track	
N	Not always	Race Commission	Private Vet	State	Track	
N	N					
N	N					
Y	Y	Race Commission	Province	Half Track Half Purse Pool	Half Track Half Purse Pool	
If requested by state vet	If requested by state vet	Race Commission or state vet	State lab or Illinois Univ.	Track	Track	
At request of KHRA state vet	At discretion of KHRA state vet	Race Commission	State lab	KHRA	Track	
N	N					
N	N					
Y	Any death	Race Commission	State lab	Owner	Track	
N	Occasionally ordered by commission					
N	N		State lab	State Bred Fund	State	
N	Depends on circumstances	Race Commission	State Vet See *	Owner		Carcass removal
N	N			Owner		Owner
Y	Y--See **	Race Commission	State Lab	Race Commission if mandatory	Owner	Euthanize/lab requests paid by owner

Necropsy performed by private vet if requested by insurance company.

Other equine fatalities must be performed within 14 days of race, or within 60 days at commissioner's request.