



TRNT BOARD POLICY NO:

038

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SAMPLE COLLECTIONS FROM HORSES THAT DIE OR ARE EUTHANISED

This policy applies to horses that suffer sudden unexplained death including internal bleeding attack or severe injuries that result in euthanasia during race meetings. It excludes horses that are euthanased for injuries that are not potentially drug related e.g. severed tendon, injury resulting from interference.

There is a special sampling kit for the purpose of collecting urine samples from horses that are euthanased or die on the track which the Stewards have in limited supply. The kits contain a sealed horse urinary catheter, sterile gloves, lubricant and a security satchel.

Samples should be taken by the attending Veterinarian in the presence of a witness for the trainer and where practical a Steward. If the situation arises that there are multiple horses die or are euthanased at the race meeting and there is an insufficient number of special sampling kits available, then attempts can be made to collect a blood sample using a standard race day blood sampling kit.

The Veterinarian is to record the details of any substances they administered to the horse prior to the sample being collected. These can be categorised on the ARID report form. When submitting the samples for analysis, the Stewards are responsible for ensuring these details are forwarded to the laboratory.