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AMERICAN PAINT HORSE ASSOCIATION

## **INHUMANE TREATMENT SC-075**

A. No person on show grounds, including but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show arena, may treat a horse in an inhumane manner, which includes, but is not limited to:

1. Placing an object in a horse's mouth so as to cause undue discomfort or distress;
2. Tying a horse in a manner as to cause undue discomfort or distress in a stall, trailer or when longeing or riding;
3. Letting blood from a horse;
4. Use of inhumane training techniques or methods; poling or striking horses legs with objects (i.e. tack poles, jump poles, etc.). Anywhere on the grounds, logs must be elevated on a standard block or cup.
5. Use of inhumane equipment, including, but not limited to, saw tooth bits, hock hobbles, tack collars or tack hackamores;
6. Any item or appliance that restricts the movement or circulation of the tail, or,
7. Intentional inhumane treatment which results in bleeding.

B. IMMEDIATE REPORT BY MANAGEMENT. Upon discovery by any show official of inhumane treatment, show management shall immediately report the matter to the Association.

C. ACCEPTED STANDARD OF CONDUCT MEASUREMENT. The standard by which conduct or treatment will be measured is that which a reasonable person, informed and experienced in generally accepted equine training and exhibition procedures, would determine to be cruel, abusive and inhumane. See Rules GR-067, GR-066.A.1., GR-070.A., GR-070.D., SC-075 and SC-160.P.

D. Owner, Trainer, Exhibitor Responsibility. The owner/trainer/exhibitor are each responsible for a horse's condition and treatment while on the show grounds including but not limited to, barns, stalls, parking area and show arena. The owner/trainer/exhibitor is responsible for the actions of any and all employees while under their employment with regard to inhumane treatment.

E. APHA will accept suspension rulings pertaining to cruel or inhumane treatment of horses from other recognized equine-related associations and state racing commissions; the effect of which is to automatically suspend the individual from APHA membership privileges for a length of time at least equal to the initial suspension period by the other association.