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TO: The Paulick Report, Natalie Voss, The KY General Assembly's Interim Committee on Licensing, Occupations and Administrative Regulations, Dr. Bruce Howard, Equine Medical Director for the KY Horse Racing Commission

Changes to Kentucky's Equine Laws and Regulations. On Aug 25th the Kentucky General Assembly committee on licensing and regulations will meet to discuss changes to the rules. Included in the rules to be changed is the following statement:

*"A ban on any sort of electronic therapies, including PEMF, cryotherapy, salt water spas, etc. on race day. The only therapy permitted on race day will be nebulizers, which may only be filled with saline solution on that day."*

The AOPP applauds the updating of regulations for the safety of racehorses. Any animal or human being that has been given a treatment to numb an injured area during or prior to an event has the unknowing potential to do great harm - either immediately or later in their lifetime - with irreversible long-term effects.

The AOPP is the professional organization behind the therapy. The Association of PEMF Professionals is an organization that is passionate about all things PEMF and strives for Competence, Commitment to – and Education for – all PEMF professionals.

- AOPP understands and supports the safety of all animals and especially in the racing community
- For several years trainers and practitioners have voluntarily restricted applying PEMF on race day. We support all trainers and practitioners to not provide PEMF treatments to horses prior to racing on their race day.
- PEMF Therapy is a drug-free, restorative therapy and can be used following a race to aid the animal in post-race recovery.
- PEMF Therapy can also be used to aid the animal to heal following an injury
- PEMF is not an analgesic and does not mask or block pain. It does aid in the relief of pain like massage therapy.
- PEMF Therapy is provided by Certified PEMF Practitioners and Professionals as well as trainers and veterinarians.

Statement from Dr. Jerry Dreessen, DC:

Example: "After using PEMF, a prick of a pin can still be felt. There is no numbing, only a reduction of swelling and an increase in healing"

Respectfully,

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