



*INQUIRY INTO THE ANALYSTS FINDING OF PHENYLBUTAZONE AND ITS METABOLITES IN THE URNE
SAMPLE TAKEN FROM CALIFORNIA CONCORD FOLLOWING THE GELDING BEING PLACED FIRST IN
THE CLASS 1 HANDICAP CONDUCTED AT NEWCASTLE 29 SEPTEMBER 2018*

**RNSW Offices
Druitt Street
Sydney**

Wednesday 21 November 2018

**Stewards: M F Van Gestel (Chairman)
P C Dingwall**

The Stewards today conducted an inquiry into the Analysts' findings of phenylbutazone and its metabolites in a post-race urine sample taken from California Concord following the gelding winning Race 3 - Class 1 Handicap conducted at Newcastle racecourse on the 29 September 2018.

Evidence was today taken from the co-trainers of California Concord Mr Peter & Paul Snowden, who also represented the interests of the owner, Racing NSW Chief Veterinary Officer Dr Toby Koenig and ARFL General Manager Mr John Keledjian. The Stewards established the following;

1. The treatment records detailed on 28 September 2018 horses stabled next to California Concord were treated with 10ml of phenylbutazone paste.
2. California Concord had recently been relocated to that stable complex and treatment records show it was not scheduled to receive phenylbutazone on 28 September 2018.
3. The evidence of Mr Keledjian, having regard to a phenylbutazone study performed by RIRDC, was that the high level of phenylbutazone detected in the sample was consistent with the administration of phenylbutazone within 24 hours of the sample being collected.

Charge AR178

The Snowden training partnership pleaded guilty of a charge under AR178 of having brought California Concord to the Newcastle racecourse for the purposes of the gelding engaging in a race when the prohibited substances Phenylbutazone, Oxyphenbutazone and Gamma hydroxy phenylbutazone were detected in a post-race urine sample taken from the gelding.

Penalty

In assessing penalty, the Stewards took into account the following

1. Guilty plea
2. Good record, all be it Mr Peter Snowden's one prior offence under AR178 in 2011 for the same substance.
3. The Stewards determined the finding of phenylbutazone and its metabolites was due to the inadvertent administration of phenylbutazone on 28 September 2018.
4. Improvements made to stable husbandry.

The partnership was fined the sum of \$7000.

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Placing of California Concord

Under the powers of AR177, California Concord was disqualified from its 1st placing in Race 3 - Class 1 Handicap conducted at Newcastle racecourse on the 29 September 2018 and the placing's were amended as follows:

1st	Time Raid
2nd	Cool and neat
3rd	Western Folk
4th	Broom Broom
5th	Our Royal Egyptian

Relevant Rules

AR 177. *Subject to AR 177C, any horse that has been brought to a racecourse and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race must be disqualified from any race in which it started on that day.*

AR178. *Subject to AR 178G, when any horse that has been brought to a racecourse for the purpose of engaging in a race and a prohibited substance is detected in any sample taken from it prior to or following its running in any race, the trainer and any other person who was in charge of such horse at any relevant time may be penalised.*

M F Van Gestel
Chairman of Stewards