



AHA Code of Ethics Updated – January 2011

Required Disclosure of Known Genetic Status Now Includes *Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID)*, *Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA)*, *Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS)* and *Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP)*

At the 2009 AHA Annual Convention held in Reno, NV, the AHA delegates to the convention unanimously voted to approve resolutions concerning the disclosure of known carrier status of Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) and Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS). At the 2010 AHA Annual Convention held in Orlando, FL, the AHA delegates to the convention also unanimously voted to approve a resolution concerning the disclosure of horses known to be affected by Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP); disclosure of HYPP affected status is an important consideration for half-Arabian breeders utilizing breeds that have HYPP affected bloodlines. These resolutions also received unanimous support from every committee to which they were referred for review.

In 1984, the AHA Code of Ethics added a section requiring that known Severe Combined Immunodeficiency (SCID) carrier status be disclosed. Disclosure of SCID status was the first step in ensuring a better future for the Arabian breed. The addition of CA, LFS and HYPP disclosure moves the Arabian industry one step closer to the systematic control and potential eradication of these genetic disorders from the Arabian and half-Arabian populations, both in the US and abroad.

The amended section of the AHA Code of Ethics now reads as follows:

7. Members shall not offer a horse capable of reproduction for breeding, transfer of ownership, or lease if the horse is known to such member to be a SCID carrier, a Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) carrier, a Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) carrier, or to be affected by CA or be homozygous or heterozygous affected by Hyperkalemic Periodic Paralysis (HYPP) without disclosure of that horse's SCID, LFS, CA or HYPP status to all parties to the transaction. (Res. 3-09, Res. 4-09, Res. 4-10)

8. An owner of any mare that produces affected SCID, LFS, CA or HYPP offspring shall immediately notify the stallion owner of a foal's positive SCID, LFS, CA or HYPP diagnosis and cooperate fully with the stallion owner's reasonable efforts to verify that finding. (Res. 3-09, Res. 4-09, Res. 4-10)

The entire Code of Ethics can be found in Chapter 3 of the AHA Handbook – available online at:
http://www.arabianhorses.org/membership/Membership_Handbook.asp

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