

1 **SUBJECT: Add Disclosure of Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) to the AHA Code of Ethics**

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3 *(EXTRAORDINARY)*

4 Refer to Chapter 9, RULE 101 for submission requirements

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6 Committees required to review: *(This section to be completed by the Agenda & Resolutions Committee)* Committee Action:
Approve Disapprove

Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee			
Ethical Practice Review Board			
Probable Cause Panel			
Registration Commission			

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8 **CONVENTION ACTION:**

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10 **Approved** Approved with Modification Disapproved
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12 Withdrawn Referred to Committee _____
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14 **PROPOSED CHANGE: (Check one)** Add new rule Delete existing rule Change existing text
15 Indicate affected Article/Rule number (AHA/USEF/EC) AHA CHAPTER 3: CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP
16 (EPRB) /ETHICS 104. RULES OF CONDUCT
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18 **RESOLUTION:** Use *bold/italic* for new wording, ~~strike through~~ to indicate deletion

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20 Whereas, Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) is a recessive, genetic, neurologic condition found in Arabian
21 horses that usually necessitates euthanasia; and
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23 Whereas, Both carriers and some affected animals are potentially capable of reproduction; and
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25 Whereas, In May, 2017 researchers at the Veterinary Genetics Laboratory of the University of California, David
26 (UCD) announced the development a DNA test for one form of OAAM; and
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28 Whereas, CHAPTER 3: CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP (EPRB) /ETHICS 104. RULES OF
29 CONDUCT has previously placed a duty to disclose known SCID, CA, LFS and HYPP status of breeding
30 animals; and
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32 Whereas, It is in the best interest of the Arabian Horse to also educate owners and breeders about OAAM, so as to
33 encourage responsible breeding practices; Therefore, Be It
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35 Resolved, That AHA CHAPTER 3: CODE OF ETHICS AND SPORTSMANSHIP (EPRB) / ETHICS 104. RULES
36 OF CONDUCT be amended by inserting the following:
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- 38 7. Members shall not offer a horse capable of reproduction for breeding, transfer of ownership, or lease if the horse is
39 known to such member to be a SCID carrier, a Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS) carrier, a cerebellar abiotrophy (CA)
40 carrier, ***an Occipitoatlantoaxial malformation (OAAM) carrier***, or to be affected by CA ***or OAAM*** or be a homozygous
41 or heterozygous affected by Hyperkalemic periodic paralysis (HYPP) without disclosure of that horse's SCID, LFS, CA,
42 ***OAAM*** or HYPP status to all parties to the transaction. (Res. 3-09, Res. 4-09, Res. 4-10)
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44 8. An owner of any mare that produces affected SCID, LFS, CA, ***OAAM*** or HYPP offspring shall immediately notify the
45 stallion owner of a foal's positive SCID, LFS, CA, ***OAAM*** or HYPP diagnosis and cooperate fully with the stallion
46 owner's reasonable efforts to verify that finding. (Res. 3-09, Res. 4-09, Res. 4-10)
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48 Effective: December 31, 2017

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50 (If a Standard resolution, the effective date will be December 31 of the year after the Convention)
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52 RESOLUTION TYPE (**REQUIRED**): Standard _____ Extraordinary X “If indicated as
53 “Extraordinary”, the proponent must list reasons which establish RULE 101.2 has been met)
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55 This resolution affects the health, safety and well-being of the horse. An ethical duty of disclosure in effect prior to the 2018
56 breeding season allows breeders to make informed decisions and prevent the production of affected foals.
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58 PROPONENTS FINANCIAL IMPACT (**REQUIRED**): Refer to RULE 101.3.e. for financial requirements
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62 AHA IMPACT STATEMENT: None
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64 Contact Person:
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66 SUBMITTED BY: Equine Stress/Research & Education Committee Region Number:

67 Member Organization Committee Commission Board Region (*check one*)

68 Who voted: Members Board Delegates (*check voting body*)

69 Total Number Eligible to Vote: 62 Number of Yes votes: 28 Number of No votes: 2

70 How vote was taken: mail email phone meeting (*check one*) (*Must have Quorum with majority of yes votes*)

71 Where documentation of this vote is recorded: At the AHA Office (*Must have printed documentation on file*)

72 Date vote taken: July 25 – 29, 2017

73 Contact Person: Beth Minnich (*Has authority to amend, combine or withdraw*)

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