

Veterinary

- Rule 46.** (1) The Veterinary Officer and the Veterinary Surgeon have the authority to carry out any veterinary procedures which in their professional opinion, are necessary either in the interests of the individual horse, or of overall equine health, or of racing in general.
- (2) The Veterinary Officer and the Veterinary Surgeon have the authority to collect or cause to be collected, and to use, samples from horses, and to obtain or cause to be obtained, and to use, radiographs, images and veterinary records of horses for any purpose they consider necessary, including for testing, diagnostic, treatment, education, research or publication purposes. Samples include blood, tissue, body parts, hair and whole cadavers. Provided however that in exercising this power the Veterinary Officer and Veterinary Surgeon shall in all cases be subject to supervision by persons authorised by the Board of Stewards, and furthermore shall wherever appropriate obtain approval from a body established to grant ethics approval for the taking and/or use of samples from horses. Provided further that the ownership of any sample, radiograph, image or veterinary record collected under the authority of this rule vests in the Club and the Club owns all right, title or interest (including but not limited to copyright) in any research, paper or published material which relates in any way to the use of any sample, radiograph, image or veterinary record which has been collected under the authority of this rule.
- Rule 47.** (1) The Veterinary Officer and the Veterinary Surgeon have responsibility for the integrity, health, and welfare of horses under the control of the Stewards of the Jockey Club, and shall bring to the attention of the Stewards of the Jockey Club or the Stewards any matters that could affect or could have affected the performance of a horse in a race.
- (2) The Veterinary Officer may at any time enter any stable and inspect any horse as the Veterinary Officer or the Stewards may require.
- Rule 48.** In the event of any horse being so injured that in the opinion of the Stewards or the Veterinary Officer or the Veterinary Surgeon, the euthanasia of such horse is advisable in order to save unnecessary suffering, they may order such horse to be euthanized by such person as they consider suitable.