



Summary of service

In the last five years there have been over a hundred post race adverse analytical findings (AAF) in British horse racing. In all cases the horse concerned was disqualified and any prize money won was forfeited.

The detrimental effects of having an AAF are vast. Loss of prize and pool money, potentially a significant fine, damage to your reputation, possible loss of owners and in the worst case scenario the suspension of your licence.

There is no doubt that there are occasions when it would've been difficult to prevent the AAF. The contamination may have occurred due to insufficient anti contamination protocols at the racecourse, you may have a staff member that has simply ignored your best practice procedures or you may have been the target of a malevolent administration.

Whilst there are times when you have taken all reasonable precautions, there will be occasions when more could have been done to prevent the AAF.

The rule is clear, the onus is on the responsible person, almost always the trainer, to prove that they have taken all reasonable precautions to prevent the AAF. This is where I can help.

Having initially worked in racing I went on to join the police. My last ten years as a detective were at New Scotland Yard working for the Counter Terrorism Command, this saw me working on the highest profile investigations and more importantly to you, I received the best training in the world in respect of anti cross contamination procedures.

I know how easily substances can be transferred, and crucially, I have the experience that will minimise the risk of having an AAF. If you explicitly follow my advice, we can potentially eradicate the prospect of the AAF emanating from your training premises.

Additionally, I spent 5 years working for the BHA in their integrity function. I've led numerous AAF investigations and I know how easily they can occur. I have extensive knowledge regarding the expectations of the BHA should one of your horses provide an AAF.

My ambition is clear, the intention has to be to stop an AAF originating from your training premises. If you take my advice, put in all the suggested measures and carry them out diligently, I have no doubt this is an eminently achievable goal.

If, having put new procedures in place, you are unfortunate enough to still have an AAF, you will be able to demonstrate that you have taken all reasonable precautions to prevent the situation. In illustrating this you will be able to cast significant doubt as to whether the source of the AAF came from within your training premises.

The service

For an all inclusive price the following is included:

- A full survey of your training premises identifying areas of potential compromise in relation to cross contamination and biosecurity.
- An on site consultation with key staff members in respect of best practice enabling you to improve onsite processes immediately.
- Within five days of conducting the survey you will receive a comprehensive report highlighting any identified areas of potential compromise.
- You will also receive a bespoke user friendly, anti - contamination positive sample prevention strategy.

Cost

Prices vary between £300 - £500 dependent on the total size of your training premises.

There are no hidden extras.

There is a 15% discount for all NTF members.

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