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## DIRECTIVE NO. 1-2003

### POLICY REGARDING USE OF SHOCK WAVE THERAPY

The New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) is charged with the responsibility to advance the best interest of horse racing, to curtail activities or circumstances inimical to the integrity and safe conduct of racing and to advance the public's confidence in the sport. This is accomplished through different means including the adoption of regulations and the implementation of policies designed to protect the integrity of horse racing, to guard the health of the horses and humans who compete, and to safeguard the interests of the public and all racing participants. The NJRC takes notice that although Shock Wave Therapy (SWT) has been used in human medicine for some time, it is a relatively new treatment of orthopedic injuries in horses. The NJRC further notes that researchers that have studied SWT and veterinarians who have used this form of therapy have concluded that it is a beneficial treatment of certain orthopedic conditions. Veterinarians and researchers have also concluded that SWT produces a period of analgesia which could result in a dangerous and unsafe condition for all participants, if it is present during the race.

The NJRC, therefore, concludes, that consistent with its authority and jurisdiction over all matters related to horse racing, the following Directive concerning the use of SWT on all competing horses, shall become effective immediately:

1. All SWT machines must be registered with the State Veterinarian by the practicing Veterinarian.
2. Only NJRC licensed Veterinarians may possess a SWT machine on the racetrack and all other properties under the jurisdiction of the Commission.
3. All SWT treatments must be performed by a NJRC licensed Veterinarian.
4. All SWT treatments must be reported in writing within 24 hours of the treatment, to the State Veterinarian, regardless of where the horse is stabled.
5. Horses that have received SWT are prohibited from competing for a period of 10 days following a treatment. (The day following the treatment shall be considered day one.)



Any person found in violation of this Directive will be subject to penalties as contained in and authorized by the New Jersey Administrative Code.

Dated: May 29, 2003

  
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Frank Zanzuccki, Executive Director



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All Licensed Practicing Veterinarians

Re: Shockwave Therapy (SWT)

At its public meeting on May 29, 2003, the New Jersey Racing Commission (NJRC) approved the enclosed Directive No. 1-2003 concerning Shockwave Therapy (SWT). Similar requirements have been approved in many other racing jurisdictions due to the serious safety concerns to all competitors. In order to address these concerns, the NJRC requires compliance with all aspects of Directive No. 1-2003 including the registration of all such devices (see enclosed registration form). All veterinarians who are administering this therapy on race horses must comply with the Directive.

In addition, according to existing rules and regulations of the Commission, all veterinarians who provide medical attention to race horses including SWT must possess a NJRC license. License applications can be obtained through the Commission website [www.njrconline.org](http://www.njrconline.org) or by contacting Nina Modugno at 609-292-0613.

Very truly yours,

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## Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy Machine Registration Form

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian Name  
(Print)

Any and all horses treated by the above veterinarian with shockwave therapy, will be reported to the NJRC State Veterinarian within 48 hours, regardless of where the horse is stabled.

Model: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian Signature



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## Extracorporeal Shockwave Therapy Treatment Sheet

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The following horse has been treated by me \_\_\_\_\_ with shockwave  
therapy on \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Veterinarian  
(Print Name)

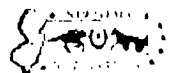
Horse: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tattoo: \_\_\_\_\_  
Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sex: \_\_\_\_\_  
Trainer: \_\_\_\_\_

Treatment location and reason: \_\_\_\_\_

I have informed the trainer that this horse may not race in the State of New Jersey for 10 days. This treatment must be reported to the NJRC state veterinarian within 48 hours.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Veterinarian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date





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