

**ATTACHMENT C TO POLICY 0910
VETERINARY CARE AND EQUINE MEDICATIONS**

In order to: 1) encourage Pony Club members to develop an understanding of the value of veterinary care and the use of equine medications and supplements, 2) promote the safety of Pony Club members and their mounts, and 3) provide competition that is not biased by the use of equine medications and supplements, the Board of Governors recognizes that veterinary care is an integral part of the management of horses at mounted activities and competitions, and that it has an obligation to establish a policy on the use of equine medications and supplements.

All mounts in a USPC-sponsored activity shall be serviceably sound and healthy. Horses should be free of medication other than dressings for minor wounds or scrapes, unless under treatment by a veterinarian. Medications and supplements may not be used to provide an unfair advantage over other competitors or to allow an unfit horse to be used.

- A. Medication is defined as any substance that is not water, salt, electrolytes, or a supplement and is not considered a normal foodstuff. It is administered either orally, via stomach tube, by application to an external surface, or by injection.
- B. Supplements (including vitamins and nutraceuticals) are substances that are added to a horse's diet that are not normal foodstuffs or medications.
- C. Any horse under treatment by a veterinarian for a condition requiring administration of a medication while at a Pony Club activity or competition shall have a veterinarian's certificate stating the diagnosis, medication, dosage and method of administration.
- D. Supplements that are administered to any horse at a Pony Club activity or competition must be recorded on the horse's feed chart and stall card.

- E. Medications or supplements may only be administered by the owner of the horse, or by a person designated by the owner of the horse.
- F. If, during the course of an activity, it becomes necessary to administer a tranquilizer, stimulant, or depressant (e.g. for suturing) the horse may not be used while under the influence of the medication.
- G. Competitors at a rally shall be governed by the procedures on the use of equine medications and supplements described in the Horse Management Handbook.